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OFW remittances in past 9 months hit $10.5B

Husband guns down wife, lawyer in Las Piñas court

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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

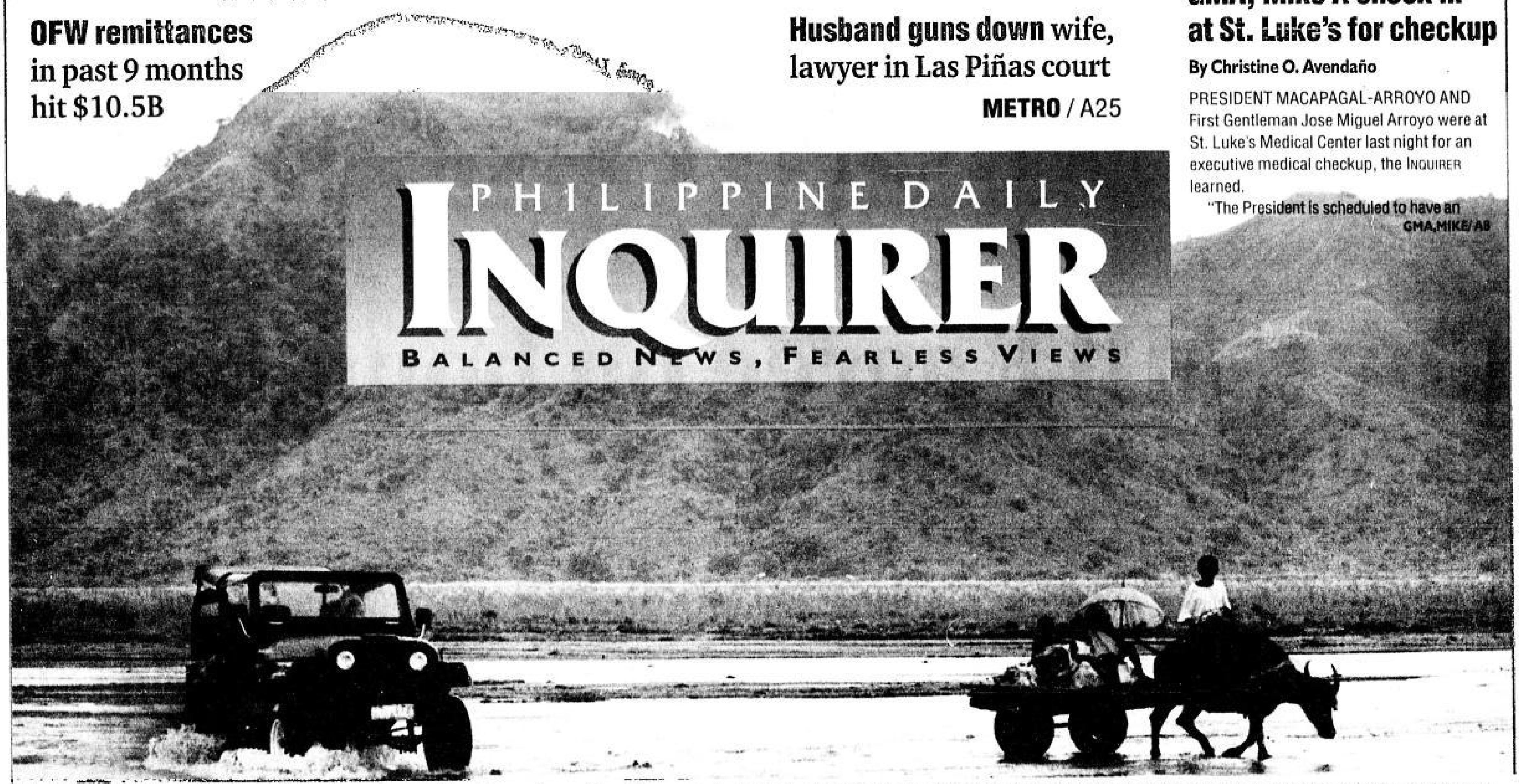
GMA, Mike A check in at St. Luke's for checkup

By Christine O. Avendaño

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO AND First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo were at St. Luke's Medical Center last night for an executive medical checkup, the INQUIRER learned.

"The President is scheduled to have an

GMA,MIKE/ A8



BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH Some of nature's best elements—earth, water, mountain, fresh air—encompass a jeep driver and a family of Aetas crossing the river in Crow Valley in Capas, Tarlac, to bring their homegrown vegetables to sell to what the Aetas call the "unat" (straight-haired people to contrast with their own curly tops). REM ZAMORA

3 suspected Abus killed

PNP links 2 men, woman slain in Payatas to Batasan bombing

By Alcuin Papa and Jeannette I. Andrade

POLICE YESTERDAY SHOT dead three Abu Sayyaf suspects and arrested three others in a raid in Quezon City that yielded evidence purportedly showing the group was involved in the deadly Batasan bomb attack.

One of those killed in the Payatas raid was a woman.

"We believe there is a link between the suspects and the blast because of the items we have recovered," the chief of the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO), Director Geary Barias, told reporters.

One police officer was wounded in the raid.

Barias identified one of those arrested as Ikram Indana and said police recovered from him a House of Representatives identification card which "indicated" he was working in the office of a Deputy Speaker.

Supposedly written on the ID were the words: "Legislative staff assistant III" and "Office of the Deputy Speaker for Mindanao."

Deputy Speaker for Mindanao Simeon Datumanong denied knowing Indana.

3 SUSPECTED/ A23

AN ABUNDANCE OF EVIDENCE was found by elements of the Special Action Force when they raided an alleged safehouse of the Abu Sayyaf in Quezon City on Thursday afternoon. In the ensuing shootout with government forces, three members of the terrorist al-Qaida-linked group were killed. RAFFY LERMA

Another theory: Gabriela says it was the target

By Norman Bordadora, Alcuin Papa and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE GABRIELA WOMEN'S PARTY YESTERday said its representative, Luzviminda Ilagan, could have been the real target of the Tuesday night explosion at the House of Representatives, and not Basilan Rep. Wahab Akbar, as the Philippine National Police had theorized.

In a statement, Gabriela pointed out that the PNP sketch of the blast site showed Ilagan's van as "closer to the blast" than Akbar's vehicle. It said "this should logically make" Ilagan and its other representative, Liza Maza, the "plausible targets," especially because the latter's vehicle was "almost identical" to Ilagan's.

Even Speaker Jose de Venecia is not completely sold on the PNP theory that Akbar

ANOTHER/ A5

Bank turns over ₱215M in Erap funds to gov't

By TJ Burgonio

AFTER MORE THAN A WEEK OF searching, the Sandiganbayan sheriff has managed to recover less than a third of the P700 million ill-gotten wealth of convicted plunderer ex-President Joseph Estrada that the antigraft court has ordered forfeited in favor of the government.

According to Edgardo Urieta, chief judicial staff officer in charge of enforcing the antigraft court's forfeiture orders against Estrada, Banco de Oro-EPCI has surrendered more than P215 million deposited in the name of the Erap Muslim Youth Foundation.

The Sandiganbayan, which convicted the 70-year-old Estrada of plunder and ordered the forfeiture of his bank accounts and property amounting to P700 million, issued the writ of execution last week to satisfy its Sept. 12 judgment.

The forfeiture orders were not covered by the executive clemency granted by President Macapagal-Arroyo to Estrada, the antigraft court said.

The P215 million represents the principal plus interest of the P200

BANK TURNS/ A23

Asean charter doesn't solve Burma problem

SINGAPORE—SOUTHEAST ASIAN nations plan to sign in Singapore next week a charter aiming for lofty goals in areas such as free trade and human rights, even as the 40-year-old group wrestles with how to handle the divisive issue of Burma (Myanmar).

The West has urged the Association of Southeast Nations (Asean) to put more pressure on Burma's military junta after its crackdown on prodemocracy protests, but the group's principle of noninterference in each other's internal affairs is likely to prevail.

The Asean charter, expected to be signed on Nov. 20, seeks to give its 10 member states a legal identity—a first step toward their aim of establishing a free trade area by 2015 and a possible European-style union.

As a multinational organization, however, Asean could hardly be more different from the highly integrated and interventionist European Union.

ASEAN/ A4

Mariannet may have been raped

By Inquirer Mindanao

DAVAO CITY—MARIANNET AMPER, the 12-year-old girl who reportedly committed suicide on Nov. 2 because of poverty, was likely raped, Mayor Rodrigo Duterte said yesterday.

An autopsy of the girl's body revealed lacerations caused by penetration in her genitals and that the ligature found around her neck was "self-inflicted."

"*May punit ang* hymen (The hymen was torn)," was how Dr. Tomas Di-

MARIANNET/ A23

RP wins Unesco seat 'with some help from Pinoy dirty ice cream'

By Jerry Esplanada

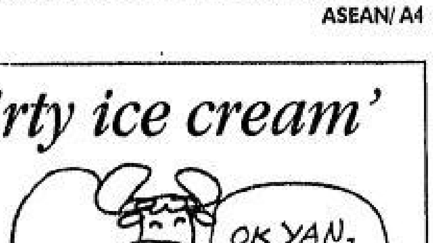
IN THE WORDS OF EDUCATION SECretary Jesli A. Lapus, the Philippines did it "with some help from Pinoy dirty ice cream."

Lapus was referring to the country's winning one of the six executive board seats of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization during the 34th Unesco general conference in Paris last week.

"A Pinoy *sorbetero* gave everyone samples of our very own dirty ice cream at the Unesco headquarters" to help the Philippine bid for a seat on the policy-making board, Lapus told reporters yesterday.

Lapus, however, said he was "not sure if the ice cream came all the way

RP WINS/ A8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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Luzon will have cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers becoming widespread rains over the eastern sections of Northern and Central Luzon. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms.

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Gov't, MILF agree on boundaries

KL deal defines borders of Muslim homeland in Mindanao

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA—THE PHILIPPINE government reached an agreement yesterday with the country's main Muslim separatist group on carving out boundaries for a Muslim homeland in conflict-ridden Mindanao.

The government has wrangled for years with the separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) about the extent of a self-governed territory that would fall under Muslim control in the Mindanao region, home to the minority Muslims and the scene of four decades of insurgency by groups like the MILF.

"Demarcation [of the homeland's boundaries] has been agreed," said Rodolfo Garcia, the chief government negotiator, talking to reporters at the end of two days of talks with MILF negotiators in Kuala Lumpur.

Disagreements over the size and wealth of the proposed territory had delayed the talks for over a year and was a major stumbling block to an eventual permanent peace deal.

One hurdle less

Thursday's talks in Kuala Lumpur appeared to remove the hurdle though others remained. No MILF leaders were available to confirm or deny the report.

The two sides still have to craft the exact text of the agreement next month and sign the deal, likely in January, Garcia said.

Under the agreement reached yesterday, a proposed Bangsamoro Juridical Entity would cover land and maritime territory up to the 15-km municipal water limits, and all the maritime resources within that area would be shared.

The MILF and the Philippine government were expected to make public further details in Kuala Lumpur later yesterday.

The breakthrough ends an impasse over the "ancestral domain" agenda that had stalled formal peace negotiations since last year.

Both sides have held glacially paced talks in recent years regarding ancestral domain, which pertains to territorial claims and the control Muslims would wield over natural resources in Mindanao's mineral-rich but economically backward areas.

Another round

Othman Abdul Razak, the top Malaysian government facilitator, said on Wednesday that another round of exploratory talks would be likely in mid-December before a possible resumption of full-fledged négotiations in early 2008.

"It's definitely very good news," Jesus Dureza, the presidential adviser on the peace process, told Reuters in Manila.

Dureza said the two sides hoped to sign a formal agreement on ancestral domain early next year before moving on to discuss what sort of government the homeland will have.

That question is one of the most vexing as political clans with large private armies in the south would likely use force to prevent any loss of influence in one of the most resource-rich areas of the country.

The government and the MILF have already signed two agreements on security and rehabilitation of conflict-affected areas, where a sometime uneasy truce has held since July 2003.

PEACEMAKERS. Chief government negotiator Rodolfo Garcia (left) shakes hand with MILF negotiator Mohagher Iqbal, (right) as chief Malaysian government facilitator Othman Abdul Razak looks on. AP

Monitoring team

Dureza said the Malaysians had agreed to extend the peacekeeping duties of a 60-member team composed of soldiers, police and diplomats from Malaysia, Brunei, Libya and Japan.

"The International Monitoring Team will also extend its tour by 3 to 6 months depending on the progress of the talks," he added.

Muslims in the south have been fighting for their own territory for decades. The conflict has killed more than 120,000 people and displaced at least 2 million since the late 1960s.

The MILF, which the military says has 11,000 fighters, is the largest group battling for self-rule. Military officials have often accused the MILF of giving sanctuary to members of the Abu Sayyaf extremist group and Indonesian-based Jemaah Islamiyah regional terror network. The MILF has denied any links.

The Philippines and United States hope an agreement with the MILF could transform its vast rural strongholds in Mindanao into hubs of economic growth instead of conflict zones that could harbor militants with links to the al-Qaida international terror network. *AP and Reuters*

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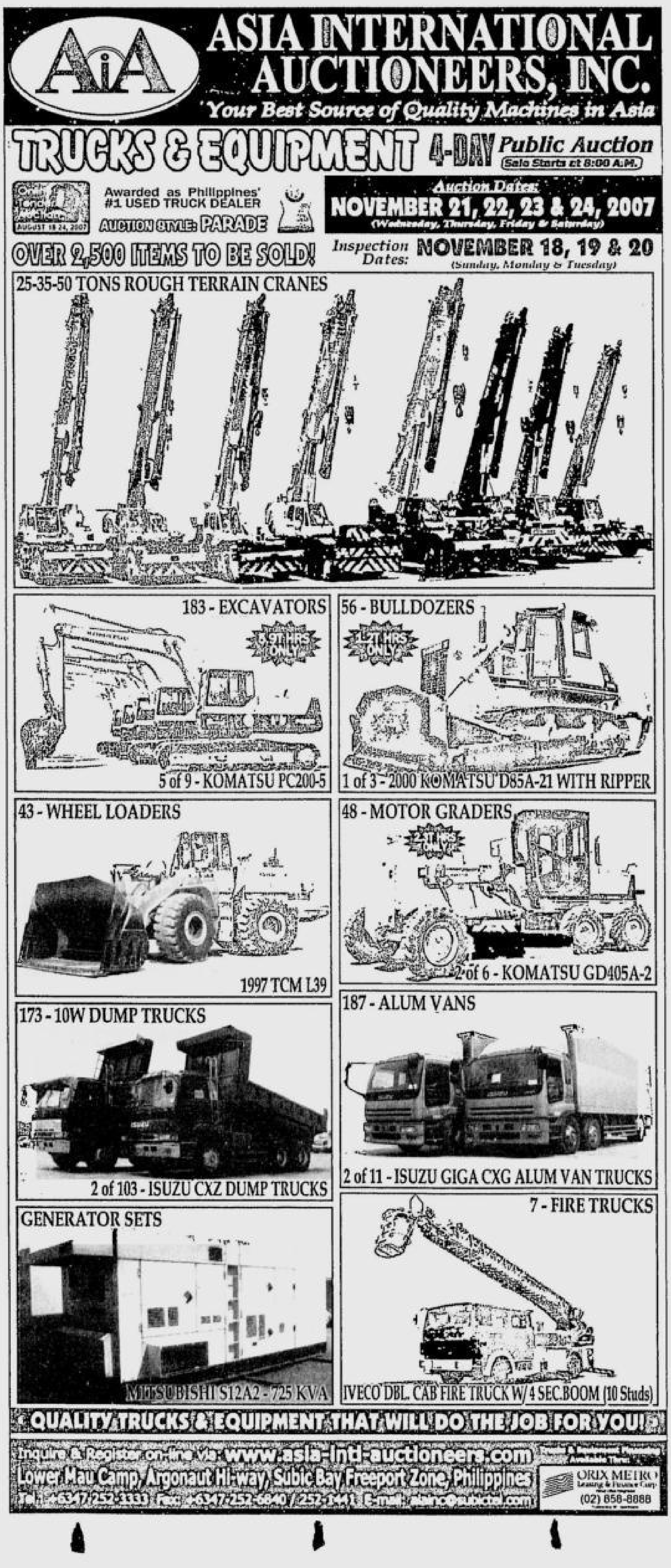
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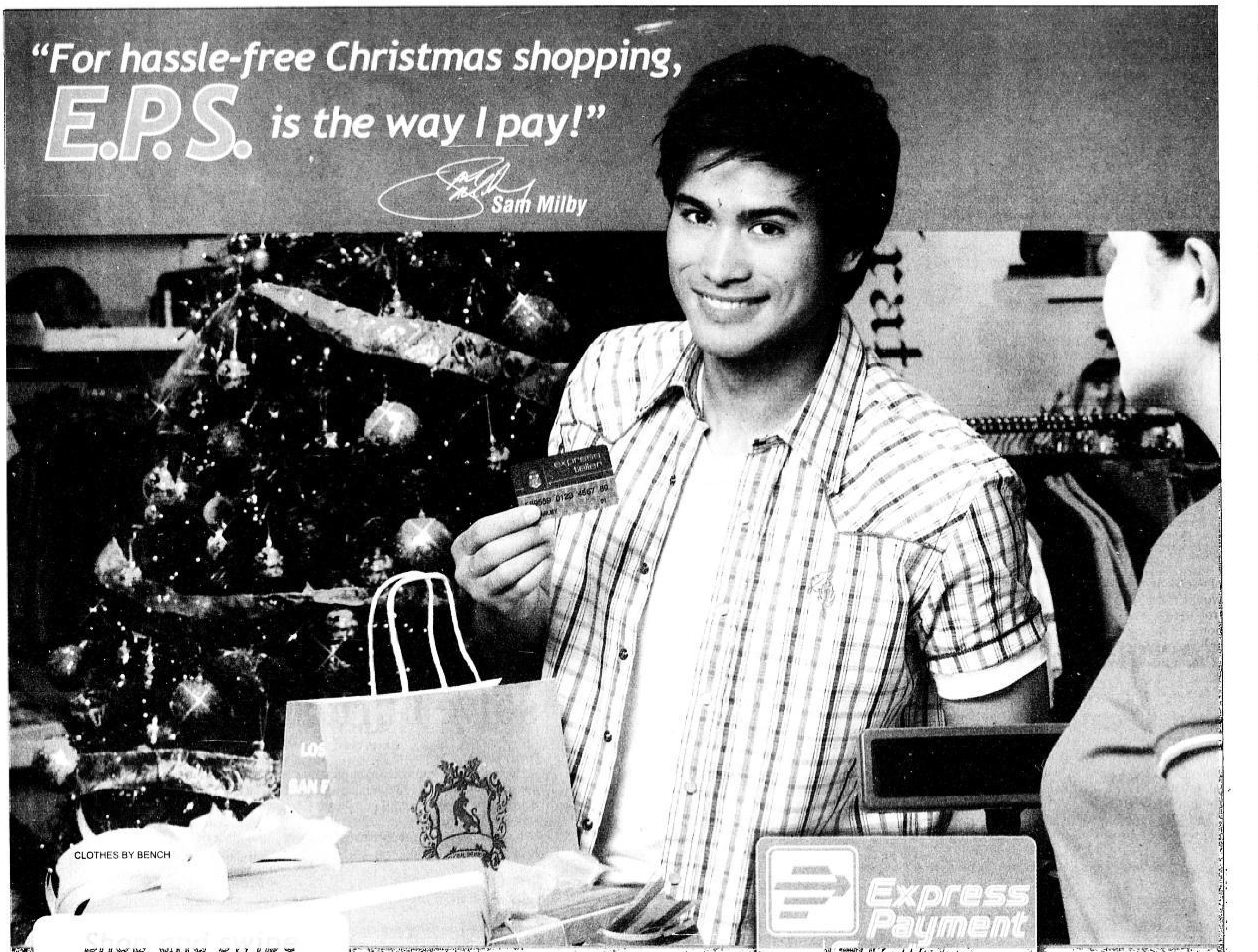
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Corrections

IN THE NOV. 15 ISSUE, the front-page banner story—"PNP: Akbar was target"—misspelled the name of the sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives. He is Bayani Fabic—not Fabie.

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IN THE SAME ISSUE, an article on Page A9—"GMA appoints 8 new Cabinet usecs"—misspelled the name and misstated the designation of one of the board members of the government-sequestered RPN-9. The RPN-9 director is William—not Willian—Tieng; he is the chair—not director—of Solar Sports.

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IN THE SAME ISSUE, the Across the Nation section published the wrong photo that was supposed to show Sumilao farmers marching on Maharlika Highway in Guinobatan, Albay, on Nov. 14. The published photo showed Sumilao farmers making their way on San Juanico Bridge on Nov. 1.

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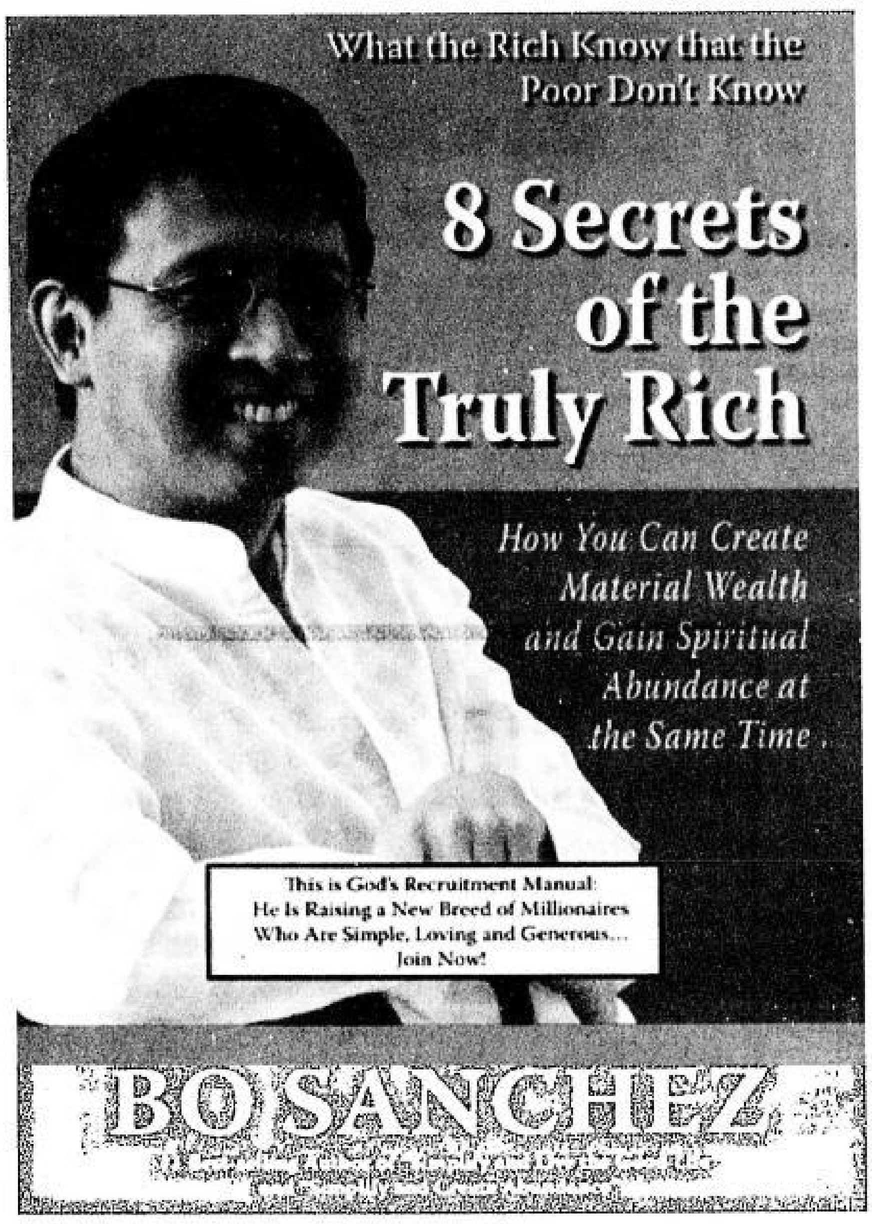
SUDDEN RAINS: Students were already in school when the continuous rains caused flooding in several areas in Metro Manila. It was also raining hard in central and southern Luzon.
REUTERS

Secrets Towards Financial Independence

By LULU RECLUSADO NARIO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WHAT you don't know won't hurt you, but in best-selling author Bo Sanchez's latest book, *8 Secrets of the Truly Rich*, what you don't know can make you poor forever.

A pleasant revelation, the book paves the way for a new breed of truly rich people. But before its title makes you conjure up images of becoming filthy rich right after reading it — like owning several mansions plus vacation houses in prime resorts, a BMW, Jaguar, and even a jet plane on your garage, unlimited spending money — the works! – Bo warns you that the book may not be exactly what you perceive it to be.

"It isn't about materialism," he writes, "it isn't about greed," and as if we never expected this, he adds, "it's deeply spiritual." He even declares that it's not a book, it's God's Recruitment Manual. In fact, at the start of the book proper, he invites readers to sign a Membership Form for God's New Breed of True Millionaires. With the form is a special prayer each member applicant must pray each day together with a financial goal until it is fulfilled.

The fascinating aspect of the book is Bo's reflection of richness which translates not just to material wealth but more important, to spiritual abundance. What you don't know is you can have both.

Page by page, he chronicles vignettes from his own life as well as everyday happenings in a Filipino lifestyle to bring home the point that oftentimes we are clueless about getting rich. He shares his own experiences of living with the poor as well as gives us a peek into the lives of rich friends from whom he has learned a tip or two.

"They broke my old stereotypes of rich people," he writes. "They are incredibly loving and phenomenal people and extremely generous!"

And each chapter brings you closer to that ultimate dream — and more.

More than the secrets, there are other important lessons to be learned in the book. Bo explains how you can transform yourself and be financially free citing the lives of true people. Like applying the Law of Attraction — this states that you attract to your life your predominant thoughts.

The old adage, "it's better to give than to receive" is sort of improvised in the book. Bo's version, however, puts it better: "The more I give, the more I receive."

Finally, Bo stresses the fact that "there's no point in becoming wealthy for wealth's sake." You have to read the entire book to fully realize this and discover how it will impact in your life.

Asean charter doesn't solve Burma problem

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"If you are talking about completely free investment flows and financial integration, it would be a lot more difficult," said Chua Hak Bin, an economist at Citigroup. "There is natural suspicion about investments in strategic sectors."

Principles favor junta

A final draft of the charter, obtained by Reuters, shows the 40-year-old group intends to hold on to its principles of noninterference and decision-making by consensus, both of which have made it hard to act on Burma despite Asean's unusually stern expression of "revulsion" against September's bloody crackdown.

The charter does call for the creation of a human rights body, but with no details or punitive measures for rogue members.

"When you have that principle of noninterference, you can put a lot down in words, but it's so vacant you could drive a truck through it," said Song Seng Wun, economist at CIMB.

Asean's 10 members span the political and economic spectrum—Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Jointly, however, the group's $1-trillion economy is slightly bigger than India's.

Economic deals

Economic deals are still likely to be bilateral between individual member states, such as Malaysia's free trade pact with Pakistan, which was signed on Monday to cut import tariffs for palm oil. Diplomats say the charter will also make the current option of excluding Burma from group deals impossible.

Negotiations on an India-Asean free trade agreement are unlikely to witness any progress next week, with India wanting to keep tariffs on Southeast Asian exports of petroleum and certain agricultural goods despite Asean's target of a deal by mid-2008.

China is hoping for a free trade agreement with Asean by 2010, while Asean is also negotiating free trade deals with the European Union, Australia, New Zealand and Japan.

Meetings with leaders from China, Japan, India and South Korea will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday.

"It's going to be a slow process. They have to attempt something on the big scale that is attracting investors to China and India," said David Cohen of the consultancy firm Action Economics. "But it's easier to do bilateral deals—look at the Doha round, still stuck in a rut."

Environment issue

The Asean summit in the city-state will also focus on the environment, a huge issue in a region wracked by deforestation, overfishing and rampant development.

Indonesia, which hosts a United Nations meeting next month to discuss a successor to the Kyoto Protocol on climate change, has said it may lose 2,000 islands from rising seas—a potential threat across Southeast Asian coasts.

The summit declaration is expected to say Asean will endeavor to cut by half the number of people without access to safe drinking water by 2010, implement measures to combat pollution such as haze, fight illegal logging and promote sustainable environmental management.

Asean is committed to work toward the goal of reducing the intensity of energy use by 25 percent by 2030 and promote renewable plus nuclear power for those interested. Even so, the group recognizes fossil fuels will play a major role in the region's energy mix.

"All the politically correct things to say," Song said. "There's big business in trying to go green—the priority is still creating jobs."

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Another theory: Gabriela says it was the target

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was the target of the bomb supposedly left on a motorcycle near the south wing entrance of the House.

He said investigators should consider the likelihood that the explosion that killed four persons including Akbar and wounded 11 others (not 13, as earlier reported), including Ilagan and Negros Oriental Rep. Pryde Henry Teves, might actually have targeted the House as an institution.

"That should be looked into," De Venecia said when asked in an interview if the bomb attack could have been directed at the House. "If there was a political message that was delivered, that should be looked into."

Davao City Rep. Prospero Nograles, the former House majority leader who now heads the chamber's contingent to the Committee on Appointments, said the PNP theory was not yet final.

He proposed a "parallel" House investigation to provide a check to the theory put forward by the PNP, pointing out that "the attack was done inside our House and not outside."

"I'm not against [the PNP] theory. But that is not yet a verified conclusive theory that we must take at face value ..." Nograles said in a text message.

Enemies, bodyguards

PNP investigators are now looking into the possible involvement of Akbar's political enemies, and even his bodyguards, according to Director Geary Barias, chief of the National Capital Region Police Office.

"Who wanted him dead? We could enumerate his political enemies, but were they the ones who wanted him dead? Those are two different things. It would not be fair to enumerate his political enemies and then not come up with anything [to show why] they were suspects," Barias said at a press conference.

But Barias said other groups were also being considered: "There are a lot of possibilities on that end. We will just leave that to our investigators."

He said Akbar's bodyguards were now also the subject of an investigation, considering that on Tuesday night, the former governor of Basilan was accompanied only by two members of his staff when he usually moved around with a coterie of security personnel.

Barias reiterated that Akbar was the likely target of the blast.

"We are looking at the logical sequence of things that happened. In an investigation, there is a logical sequence. Most of the time, you don't see things happening without a purpose," he said.

He added that the type of bomb was significant in establishing the motive: "Why come out with a remote-controlled device and not a timed device? That would give us an indication of why that type of bomb was used."

Barias also said the PNP had its best lead in the bar code on the motorcycle used to deliver the bomb.

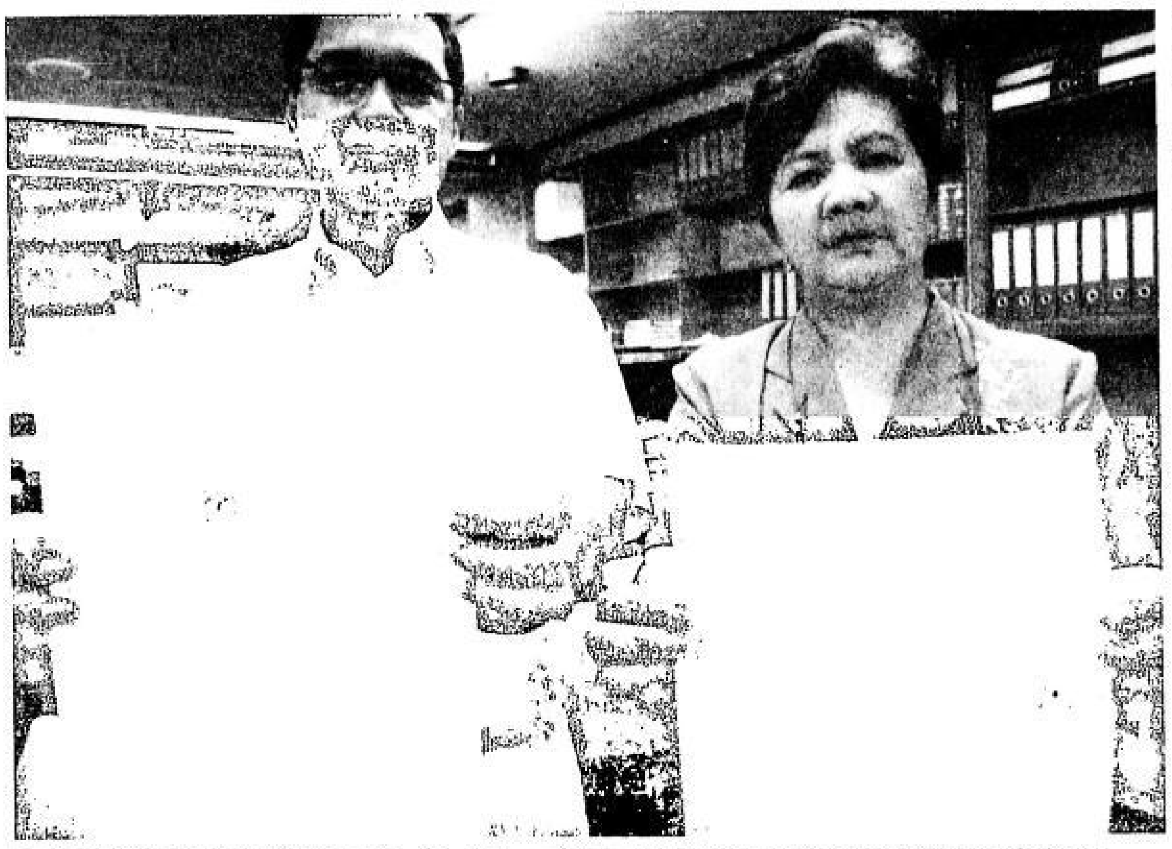
"I think the best thing [we have] is the motorcycle. From there, hopefully we can establish the chain of custody of the motorcycle, from the original ownership down to the time of the incident," he said.

All angles

But Gabriela urged the PNP to consider "all angles" and called for a separate investigation.

It said that two days after the explosion, the PNP had yet to obtain "thorough and full accounts" from Ilagan and Lorraine Gallegos, a member of her staff, or from Ismael Lim, Maza's driver, "who were present and are in fact victims of this bombing."

The party said it was a staunch critic of the administration and that Ilagan and Maza were both endorsers of the "genuine impeachment complaint" filed on Monday against President Macapagal-Arroyo.



PARTY-LIST STALWARTS Teddy Casiño of Bayan Muna and Luz Ilagan of Gabriela file a resolution to probe the scandalous cash distribution at the Palace in this file photo. JOAN BONDOC

The complaint covers the controversy over the National Broadband Network project and the purported bribery that attended the contract awarded to China's ZTE Corp., the cash handouts to lawmakers and local officials in Malacañang on Oct. 11, extrajudicial killings and human rights violations, and election fraud.

Gabriela also said its members had been "targets of political persecution, abduction and extrajudicial killing under the Arroyo administration."

No credibility

Senators likewise cautioned against the hasty conclusion that Akbar was the target of the blast.

Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. said the authorities should resolve the matter as quickly as possible, adding that the opposition was "tempted to believe" that the blast could be part of a destabilization plot "for the purposes of declaring a state of emergency."

"I'm not ruling that out. The problem of the government is that it has no shred of credibility whatsoever, so that any explanation on its part is always subject to doubt in the minds of the people," Pimentel said.

In an interview with reporters, Sen. Francis Escudero said the PNP should be "more prudent" in issuing statements.

"I'm not saying that the police are right or wrong. But they should stop making a final conclusion until the investigation is over because it only fuels more speculation," Escudero said.

'Just because Congressman Akbar absorbed the full brunt of the blast does not mean he was the target. The President herself sought to discourage making speculations on this matter, and I hope the police would heed her and stop making guesses," he said.

Sen. Francis Pangilinan said the PNP should act swiftly in its investigation and come up with conclusive, trustworthy and transparent findings.

"We cannot allow misinformation or hearsay to come from the PNP, just like in the [Oct. 19] Glorietta 2 mall blast mix-up where it issued conflicting statements as to whether [the explosion] was due to an industrial failure or a terror attack," he said.

Pangilinan said the PNP had not only floated the theory that Akbar was the target but also suggested that the explosion was reminiscent of bomb attacks carried out by the Abu Sayyaf.

He questioned the police for raising these possibilities without saying conclusively that the blast was a terror attack.

Murder

On the other hand, Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile backed the PNP theory and said the killing of Akbar was an act of murder.

According to Enrile, the perpetrators found the House's south wing entrance the "most convenient" place to do the deed. "Which is why most of the murders happen in your house or at your gate," he said.

Enrile said the assassination was most likely carried out by several people who had been diligently following Akbar's routine.

He said it was evident that the House was not the target because there had been no expressed or implied demand from the perpetrators.

"If their purpose was really to [intimidate], why not plant the bomb inside the session hall itself?" he said.

As though to back the statements of the PNP and of Enrile, National Security Adviser Norberto Gonzales said that as recently as two weeks ago, his office received information on "serious" threats against Akbar's life.

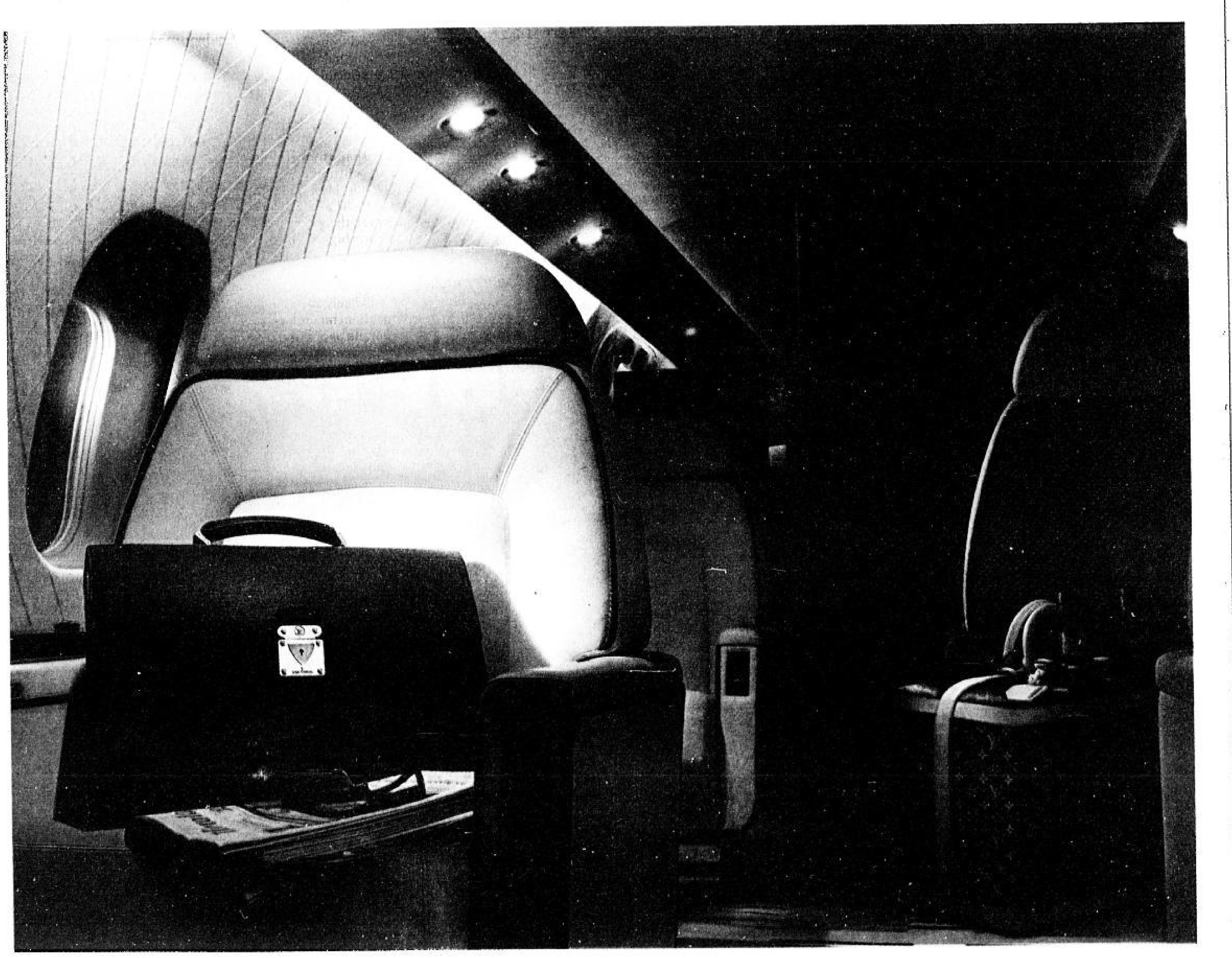
Explosive readily available

Asked where the threats had come from, he said: "We have some intelligent guesses, but we're still pursuing them."

Gonzales also said the explosive used in Tuesday night's bombing was the type that was commercially available and in use by mining, quarrying and construction firms.

He said that because he was the one issuing permits for the use of explosives by the private sector, he was now seeking a review of "how to monitor inventories on those allowed to use them."

This will prevent "the possible pilferage of explosives, including those in the hands of the private sector," Gonzales said in a phone interview. *With reports from Dona Pazzibugan and Christine O. Avendaño*



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Mar Roxas poised to take over LP helm

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

SEN. MANUEL ROXAS IS poised to take over the leadership of the Liberal Party before the end of the month on high expectations he will lead one of the country's oldest political parties back to the forefront in the 2010 elections.

The LP's policy-making body, National Executive Council, is slated to meet on Nov. 26 to decide who will take the mantle from the incumbent president, Franklin Drilon, a former senator, whose term as party president ends on Nov. 30.

Roxas is affiliated with the Drilon wing of the party which has been split into two factions—the other one being led by former Manila mayor Lito Atienza—over the two leaders' conflicting stance on President Macapagal-Arroyo at the height of the "Hello Garci" scandal in 2005.

Drilon and those allied with him joined calls for the President's resignation.

In March 2006 the Atienza wing held an election which chose the Manila mayor as president.

The Supreme Court upheld the legitimacy of Drilon's presidency of the party but remanded the issue of which faction should be recognized to the Commission on Elections. The Comelec declared the LP as the dominant minority party in the 2007 elections but did not say which wing it recognized.

Sen. Benigno Aquino III yesterday said Roxas was the hands-down successor to Drilon as LP chair emeritus Jovito Salonga had been routinely introducing Roxas as "the next President of the Philippines."

Aquino said Roxas' assumption to the LP top post should lead to a unification of the party's warring factions.

"Whether the President should remain in office or not was not a central issue as it was before. The 2010 poses a different challenge for the country and we at the LP are gearing up to meet this challenge by consolidating our forces," said Aquino.

Aquino said Roxas's election as party president should lay the groundwork for his highly anticipated bid for the presidency in 2010. But it will put the party on a collision course with its rival, the Nacionalista Party, which is in the process of rebuilding itself and reviving its status as the Grand Old Party.

The NP is led by Senate President Manuel Villar, who has not been shy either about his ambitions for 2010.

ROXAS

FORGET IMPEACHMENT

Focus on 2010, GMA foes told

By Norman Bordadora

HOUSE LEADERS YESTERDAY SAID those desiring to unseat President Macapagal-Arroyo can just focus their efforts in the 2010 presidential elections following the dismissal on Wednesday of the third impeachment case against her.

Albay Rep. Edcel Lagman, vice chair of the committee on justice that heard the complaint filed by lawyer Roel Pulido, said in a statement that it was time people respected Ms Arroyo's mandate to serve until 2010.

"They [the opposition] have been given all the opportunities to present their side. Now is the right time to work together and for them to respect the mandate of this government until 2010," Lagman said.

"Let us put an end to this divisive issue. The complaint is dead because it has no substantial value," he said.

Davao City Rep. Prospero Nograles, another committee member, said the impeachment complaint got a fair treatment.

"The issue of betrayal of public trust cannot be adequately defined because trust is very personal," Nograles said.

"Those who oppose the President do not trust her at all and there could be no betrayal of a trust that was never there," he added.

Senior Deputy Minority Leader Roilo Golez of Parañaque said the House minority never touched the Pulido complaint which it considered weak and "a sham" that was meant to immunize Ms Arroyo from a stronger suit.

"At the start of this Congress, the minority made it clear that it won't be part of an impeachment complaint. It was a member of the majority that put the impeachment into motion," Golez said.

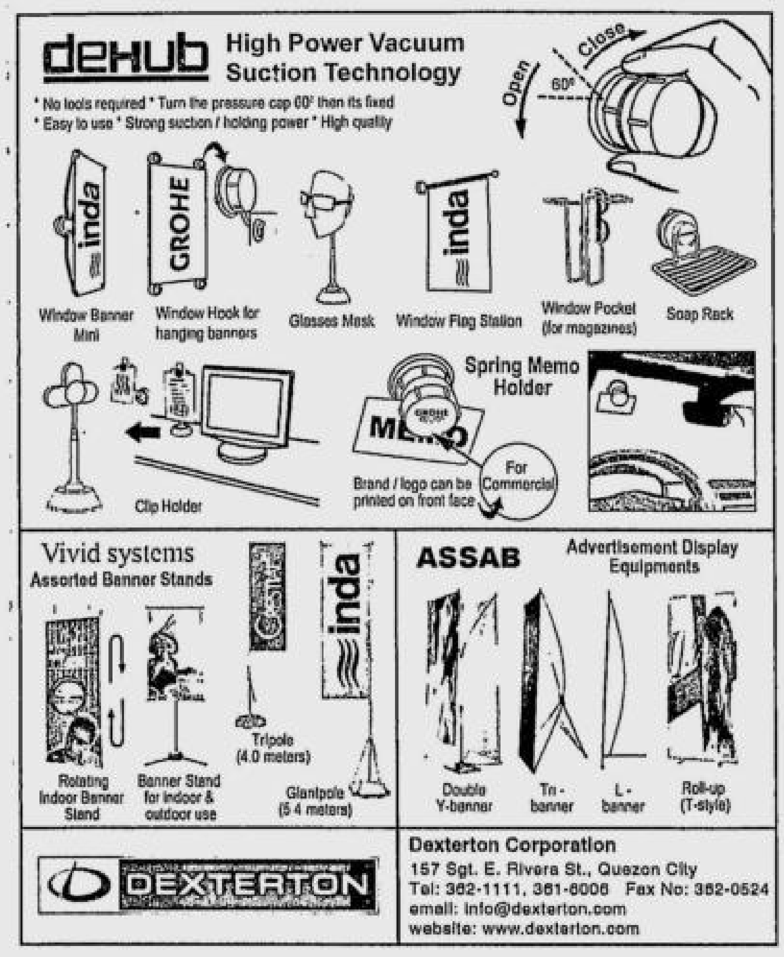
The House majority coalition, however, moved to refer the purportedly weak complaint to the committee on justice. This ensured that no other impeachment complaint would be entertained by the committee for at least a year.

The opposition belatedly and unsuccessfully tried to beef up the Pulido complaint with an addendum filed by lawyer Adel Tamano.

Golez and the members of the minority walked out of the committee hearings on Monday after it became clear the Tamano addendum would not form part of the deliberations.

The committee on Wednesday voted to dismiss the Pulido complaint for lack of substance, 43 to 1.

The House plenary dominated by Arroyo allies is expected to uphold the committee decision next week.



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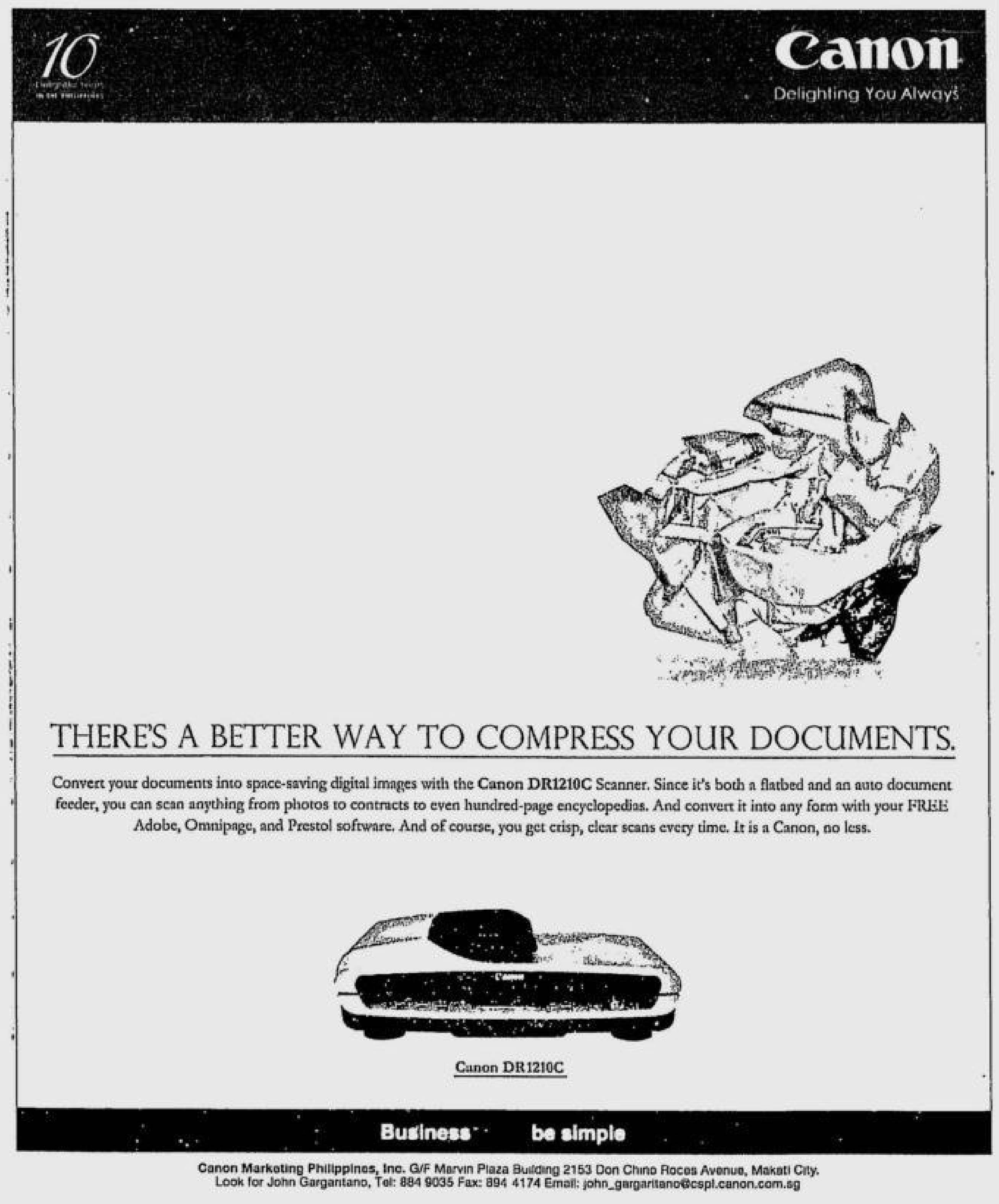

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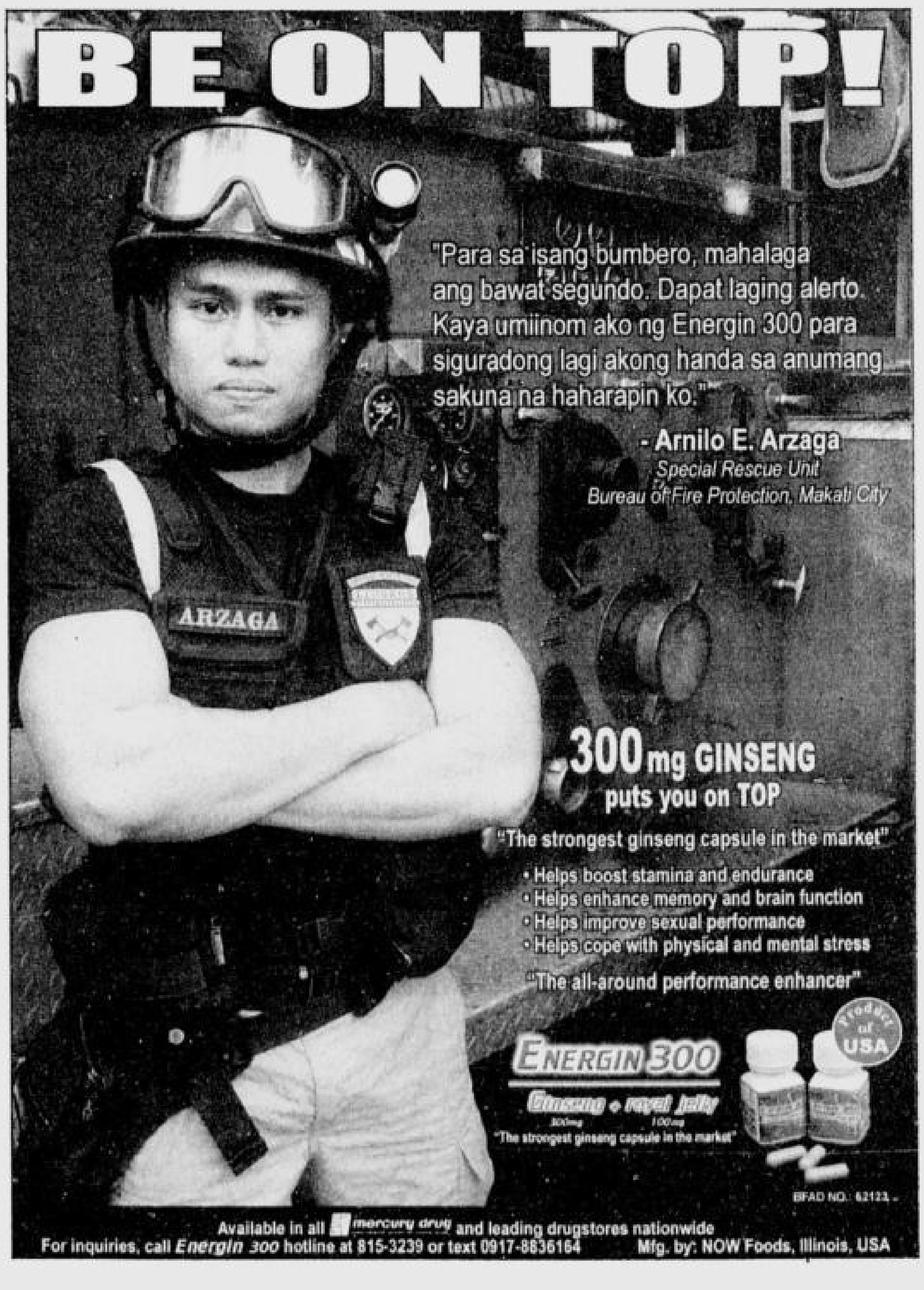

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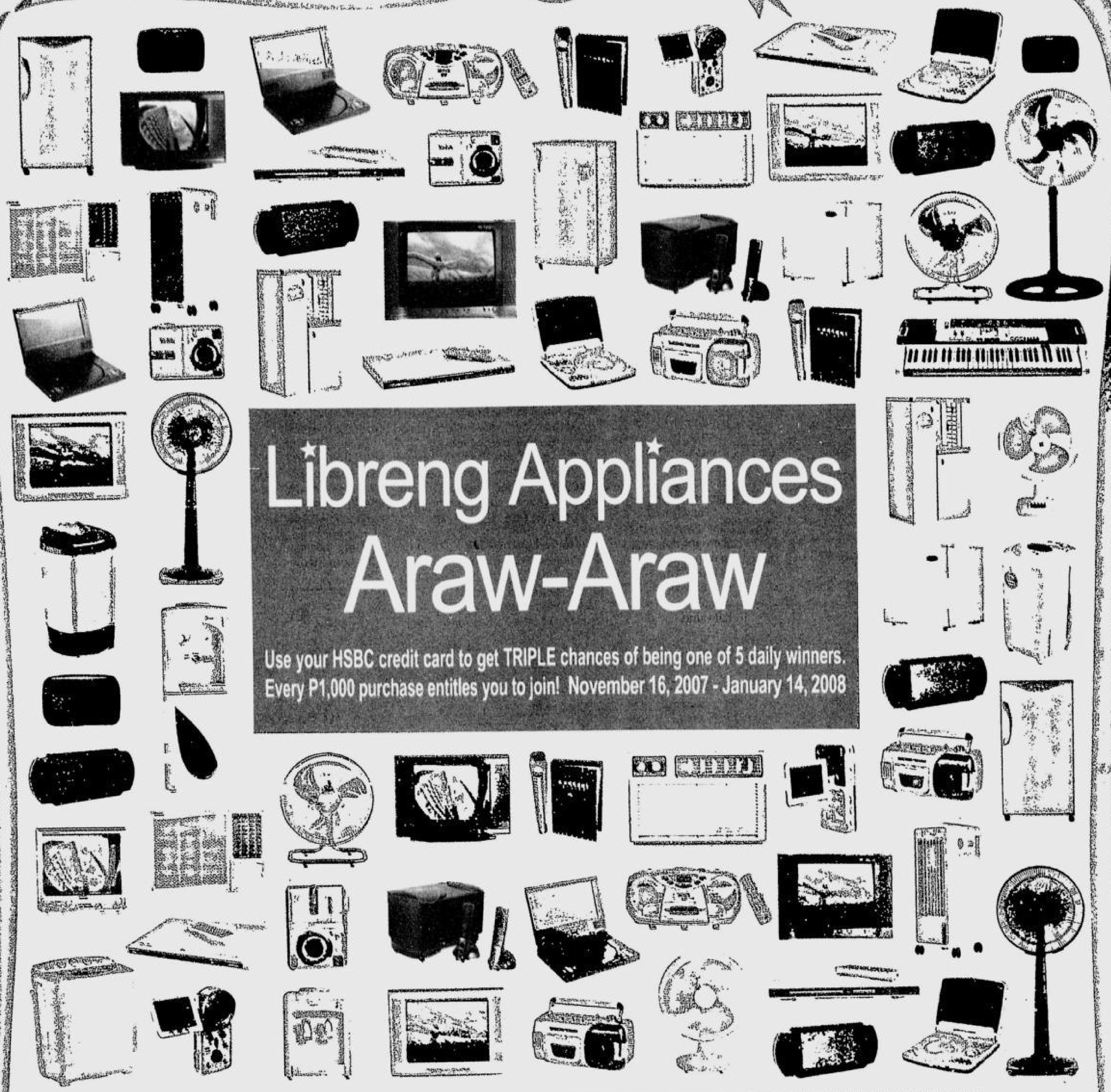

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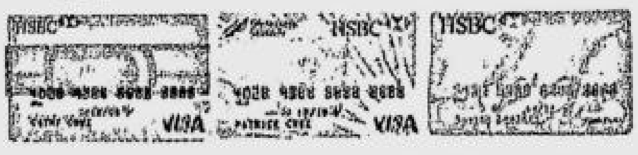

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GMA, Mike check in at St. Luke's ...

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executive checkup at the hospital," said a Malacañang source who declined to be identified for lack of authority to speak to the media.

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said Ms Arroyo was at the hospital to accompany her husband for his required checkup after undergoing delicate heart surgery in April.

Back at Palace today

Bunye said he did not have details on whether Ms Arroyo will also have a medical checkup.

"Actually, she will be back (this morning) at the Palace for an interview and pictorial with a European magazine," Bunye said in a text message, when asked whether that meant Ms Arroyo will be working from the hospital.

Brig. Gen. Romeo Prestoza of the Presidential Security Group said that he did not know whether Ms Arroyo was also scheduled for a checkup, only saying that the Chief Executive will be going in and out of the hospital so she could meet some of her appointments in the Palace.

Prestoza said that Ms Arroyo was expected to be back at the Palace for a dinner meeting last night. She was to return to the hospital later and spend the night there.

Ms Arroyo is expected to return to Malacañang today for a Mass to be said for the victims of Tuesday night's explosion at the Batasang Pambansa in Quezon City.

Juris Soliman, chief of staff of the First Gentleman, said he was expected to stay in the hospital at most two days.

Soliman said that the First Gentleman was actually back at the hospital for his bi-weekly rehabilitation appointment following his surgery in April. But it was decided that he should have his executive checkup as well.

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RP wins Unesco seat 'with some help from Pinoy dirty ice cream'

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from Manila or if it was prepared by the Philippine Embassy in Paris."

"But they liked it," he said.

Lapus said the colorful ice cream cart was "painted by no less than noted Filipino artist (Manuel D.) Baldemor," referring to the renowned painter and sculptor.

Lapus said the Philippine delegation, led by Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo, also hosted a cocktail reception as part of the campaign to win the seat—"but there was no Filipino food, no bartender."

Malaysia brought a dance troupe of its own and held exhibits to press its bid.

LAPUS: Cart by Baldemor

Lapus described the campaigns as "man-to-man ... *gapangan* (behind the scenes)."

Despite a shoestring budget, the Philippines still managed to win a seat, as did Malaysia, he said.

Close fight

In a tightly fought election, Malaysia and the Philippines got 147 and 137 votes, respectively, said Lapus.

Each member-state was entitled to only one vote regardless of its size or contribution to the UN organization's budget.

Lapus will represent the country on the Unesco board and serve a four-year term.

"We shall push for Unesco to take a more proactive role to call for national governments to give the highest budgetary priority to education in theory and practice," Lapus said.

"We shall press for Unesco to lend its voice of credibility to free the task of education from being held down by political forces for education to be truly for all."

The former Tarlac legislator said winning the Unesco seat placed the Philippines at the forefront of global policy making with sustainable economic development as the end.

It also gave the country "an opportunity to give education the focus it rightly deserves before a worldwide organization," he said.

Lapus was also elected vice president of this year's Unesco conference.

Speaking at the Unesco ministerial roundtable on education and economic development, Lapus said the burning issue before member-states "remains the gap between principle and reality."

"As ministers of education, we probably run the biggest bureaucracies in our home countries," Lapus told the delegates.

"In developing countries where institutional capacities and resources constraints are constant challenges, the agenda for education reforms cannot be truly effective if governments and multilateral agencies are not encouraged enough to actually prioritize and adhere to the goals espoused by Unesco," he said.

Lapus said Unesco could exert its influence on country leaders "to stop dysfunctions, such as under-investing in education or politicization of school system resources."

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Carabaos shipped like sardines

By Allison W. Lopez

IT WAS A SAD DAY FOR "GUYITO" AND HIS ilk.

An apparently illegal shipment of 57 carabaos from Palawan was discovered crammed in a small cargo ship that arrived at the South Harbor in Manila on Wednesday after four days at sea.

Some of the carabaos were crowded on the deck and could hardly move but Palawan Animal Welfare Association founder Jackie Baut said more carabaos were on the lower deck and were "much worse off" for lack of ventilation.

Ship owner Harry Chua would only allow the INQUIRER to view the carabaos from the street. He did not allow any photos to be taken even from a distance.

Still, it was easy to see that the otherwise sturdy, horned animals had to strain mightily in order to change positions.

Baut said 60 carabaos started the trip from Brooke's Point to a Manila slaughterhouse but two died during the journey and were thrown into the sea while one was butchered for food.

"These carabaos are called beasts of burden because they are used in farming and carrying heavy loads. But after all that hard work, [they end up in the] slaughterhouse when they're old. We can't stop their slaughter, but the least we can give them is dignity," said Dr. David Arceo, a veterinarian from the Philippine Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) which is working with Baut on their advocacy.

Carabaos, which are indigenous to Southeast Asia, are considered the national animal of the Philippines. Guyito is the name of the Philippine Daily Inquirer's carabao-mascot.

Shipping carabaos for slaughter from Palawan is allowed, Baut said, but only if they come out of the Puerto Princesa City port.

Shipping the carabaos out of Brooke's Point violated several regulations, she said.

"First, there was no veterinary health certificate signed by a licensed vet. Second, there was no quarantine certificate signed by quarantine officials. Third, at least 20 percent of the carabaos were too young. I know (how) to determine their age by their teeth and horns," Baut told the INQUIRER, adding that one carabao was as young as three years old.

"Their condition is totally against animal welfare. Look at the overcrowding, they cannot move, they are squeezed. There are a lot of carabaos in the bottom [deck]. If you can see inside they are at the bottom of the vessel," she said.

SC justice eyed for Comelec post

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—A FORMER Supreme Court justice could be the next chair of the Commission on Elections, according to President Macapagal-Arroyo.

In a speech read for her by Secretary Jesus Dureza at the Bishops-Ulama Conference here yesterday, the President said she hoped to appoint a former high court justice to head the Comelec.

But she did not identify the next Comelec chair.

Ms Arroyo said the poll body would undergo a major revamp in February.

"While it is true that we are in a democracy, we need to safeguard the very institution that is charged with protecting our people's choice of leaders. The role of the Comelec is strategic and crucial," the President said.

Ms Arroyo, who canceled her trip here because of bad weather in Manila, said the search committee that she has created will submit to her a short list of potential Comelec leaders who are irreproachable and nonpartisan.

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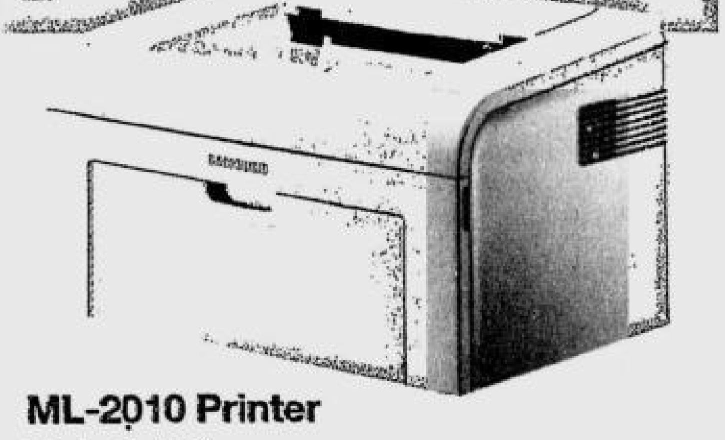

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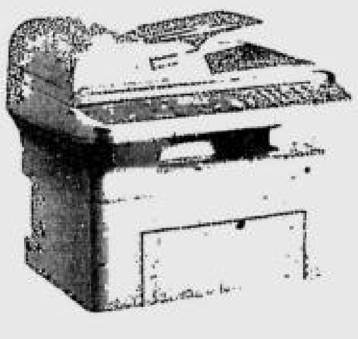

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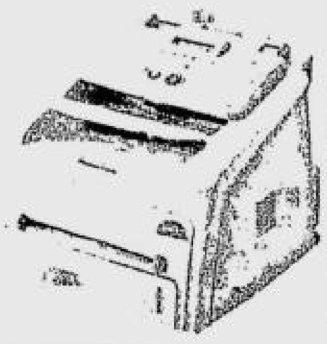

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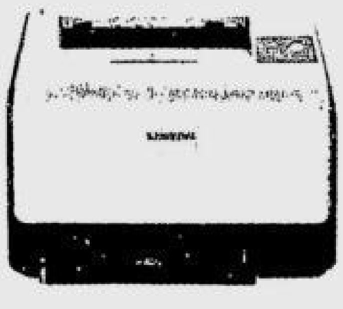

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Police assure diplomats they're safe here

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THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL Police has assured members of the diplomatic community in a briefing that the security situation was stable despite the explosion at the House of Representatives on Tuesday night.

Interviewed yesterday at the Department of Foreign Affairs after the briefing, Director Geary Barias, chief of the National Capital Region Police Office, said the diplomats had been assured that there was "no need to be concerned about security."

"There is really no cause for worry here. The PNP response has been adequate, and the investigation is continuing," Barias said.

Colin Crorkin, deputy head of mission of the British Embassy in Manila, said he was satisfied with the PNP briefing and ruled out possible British assistance in the investigation.

Crorkin also expressed confidence that the police investigation would yield good results soon.

"They gave us the facts and told us what they were doing. I think they are perfectly capable of investigating the matter ... We have an update from the PNP and we will wait for [an] official statement," he said.

But the United Kingdom yesterday renewed its travel advisory on the Philippines with an amendment to the Summary and Terrorism section (Explosion in Metro Manila).

The advisory said there was "a high threat from terrorism throughout the Philippines," and cited the latest explosion on Nov. 13.

"Terrorist groups continue to plan attacks and have the capacity and the intent to carry out these attacks at any time and anywhere in the country. Attacks could be indiscriminate, including in places frequented by expatriates and foreign travelers," it said.

Better security

Manuel Perez Iturbe, charge d'affaires of the Embassy of Venezuela, said he believed that the Philippines had better security than other countries.

"Venezuela is one country that is against terrorism. That is a global problem. We support the Philippine government in its struggle against terrorists," he said, adding:

"I believe that the Filipino people live in peace, and I think that the Filipino people and all people in the world are against terrorists."

Asked whether the explosion was directed at a particular person, Barias said the evidence gathered by the PNP at the blast site would give investigators the best clue possible as far as motive was concerned.

"For example, the timing device, which was a cell phone, already indicated that there was a specific target. If it were an act of terrorism, the timing device could just have been left there," he said.

Barias pointed out that there were many security lapses at the House. He cited the flea market that had been set up in the Batasang Pambansa compound, saying security should have been doubled with the presence of outsiders in the area.

The flea market has been dismantled. *(See story on Page A1.)*

Barias also cited the lax screening of people coming in and out of the compound, including those on motorcycles.

Asked if there was a need to secure foreign embassies, he said he was satisfied with the security measures already in place.

Inside pages

The explosion at the Batasan compound appears not to have affected the Philippine tourism industry, with reports of it landing in the inside pages of Australian, Korean, British and German newspapers, Tourism Undersecretary Eduardo Jarque Jr. told the INQUIRER.

"We made personal calls all over the world shortly after the blast took place, and our attachés gave us their feedback in the morning," Jarque said.

He said the foreign papers had reported the explosion as being personal in nature—an attack on a former-rebel-turned-congressman by members of the bandit group Abu Sayyaf—and not related to terrorism or political instability.

"Our office in the United Kingdom, in particular, said the slant of the news stories on the incident indicated that the bombing seemed to be a reprisal by the Abu Sayyaf against [Basilan Rep. Wahab] Akbar," Jarque said.

He said the reports basically indicated that there was "nothing to worry about."

Jarque also said nobody brought up the explosion during the ongoing world travel market, of which the Philippines is a participant, in London.

"It is the second biggest annual travel market in the world. We expected questions [regarding the bombing], but there were none," he said.

According to Jarque, the Department of Tourism is not expecting prospective visitors to cancel their trips to the Philippines as a result of the explosion.

He observed that except for a group of 10 tourists from Osaka, Japan, "there was no cancellation of trips shortly after the Glorietta 2 mall blast last month."

Carrying on

Tourism Secretary Joseph Ace Durano said in an advisory that the bombing at the House "has been contained and does not reflect the situation in the Philippines as a whole."

"Travel to and from the Philippines will carry on and services for local and international guests remain in operation," he said.

Durano also said the DOT was coordinating with various travel and tour operators—such as the Philippine Travel Agencies Association, Philippine Tour Operators Association, and National Association of Independent Travel Agencies—to monitor the traffic of domestic and international visitors to major island destinations and to ensure the accurate flow of information.

He said the dearth of trip cancellations only proved that the Philippines remained an ideal travel destination.

"We expect to achieve our goal of bringing in more than three million guests this year," he added.

Travel to Mindanao

But the UK also advised against all travel to Mindanao, specifically citing Basilan, Tawi-Tawi and Sulu, particularly Jolo, where there are ongoing military and police operations against bandit groups.

It said that on Oct. 5, two bombs exploded in Kidapawan City, killing two people and injuring 30 others.

The advisory also noted the threat of kidnapping of foreign nationals throughout the Philippines, particularly on the islands and coastal areas of Mindanao.

It said the last kidnapping of foreigners took place in June.

"Kidnappings in other parts of the Philippines cannot be discounted, with boats travelling to and from offshore islands and dive sites as possible targets," it said.

Around 65,000 British tourists visit the Philippines every year.

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Rains flood Metro streets, ground GMA

METRO MANILANS YESTERDAY woke up to incessant rains that flooded streets, causing traffic to build up and prompting some schools to suspend classes.

Even President Macapagal-Arroyo was forced to cancel a trip to Cagayan de Oro City to attend a peace conference.

"There's no typhoon," weather specialist Robert Rivera said in an interview. He was quick to say that the rain was spawned by the tail-end of the cold front.

The light to moderate rainfall, which began late Wednesday, caused flash floods and traffic buildup in some parts of the metropolis yesterday.

Classes in public elementary and high school levels in Manila and Mandaluyong City were suspended by their respective mayors, Alfredo Lim and Benhur Abalos, yesterday morning. Pasay and Valenzuela cities also suspended classes, it was learned.

Continuous rain also hit central and southern Luzon, and was strongest in Bicol Region which lies in the direct path of the cold front, according to Rivera.

The cold front results from the convergence of the cold air from the northeasterly winds and the relatively warm air from the easterly winds. The convergence produces clouds, the weather forecaster said.

"This type of weather will continue for the next 24 hours. There's a tendency for the weather to gradually improve. It will still be rainy, but there will be less amount of rain," he said.

At the last minute, Ms Arroyo was advised by the Presidential Security Group (PSG) against pushing through with her Cagayan de Oro trip due to the bad weather, according to PSG chief Brig. Gen. Romeo Prestoza.

"[She] was determined to go ... but we advised her that the weather was really bad," Prestoza said in a phone interview. He denied that the cancellation was for security reasons.

Ms Arroyo was to address the opening ceremony of the Bishops-Ulama Conference AFP-PNP Forum for peace scheduled for 2 p.m. at Pryce Plaza Hotel.

On Wednesday, Palace officials said the President would not cancel any of her schedules following a bomb explosion at the Batasang Pambansa in Quezon City on Tuesday that killed Basilan Rep. Wahab Akbar and three other persons.

But Prestoza said it would be difficult to ensure her safety when dealing with bad weather. Ms Arroyo was supposed to use her Lear jet from Clarkfield, Pampanga where she had spent the previous night.

Ms Arroyo earlier went to Pangasinan to attend the birthday party of Pangasinan Rep. Rachel Arenas. From Pangasinan, Prestoza said she and her entourage were supposed to return to Clark and fly out to Manila via helicopter but ditched the plan because of heavy rain and zero visibility.

They were forced to travel by land to Manila. *Reports from TJ Burgonio, Christine O. Avendaño, Allison W. Lopez and Kristine L. Alave*

Viet exile sentenced for RP bomb plot

LOS ANGELES—A VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN was sentenced to 14 months in federal prison Wednesday as part of a plea deal in which he admitted his part in a plot to bomb Vietnam's embassy in the Philippines.

Vinh Tan Nguyen, a member of the Garden Grove, California-based exile group Government of Free Vietnam, was sentenced by US District Judge Christina Snyder after pleading guilty last month to one charge of misusing a US passport to aid in an act of terrorism.

Nguyen, 51, admitted using his brother's passport in 2001 to fly from Los Angeles to Manila, where he lived in homes that stored explosives intended for use on Vietnamese government facilities.

He also confessed to testing bombs in Manila and to writing letters discussing ways to smuggle bomb parts into Vietnam.

Nguyen had faced a maximum sentence of 25 years in prison and a $250,000 fine.

Messages left for attorneys with the Department of Justice and the Federal Public Defender's office after business hours Wednesday night were not immediately returned.

About 200 protesters picketed the courthouse calling for Nguyen's release. *AP*

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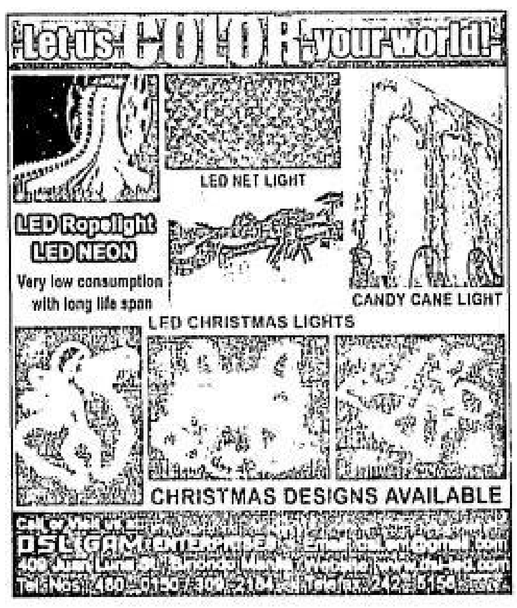
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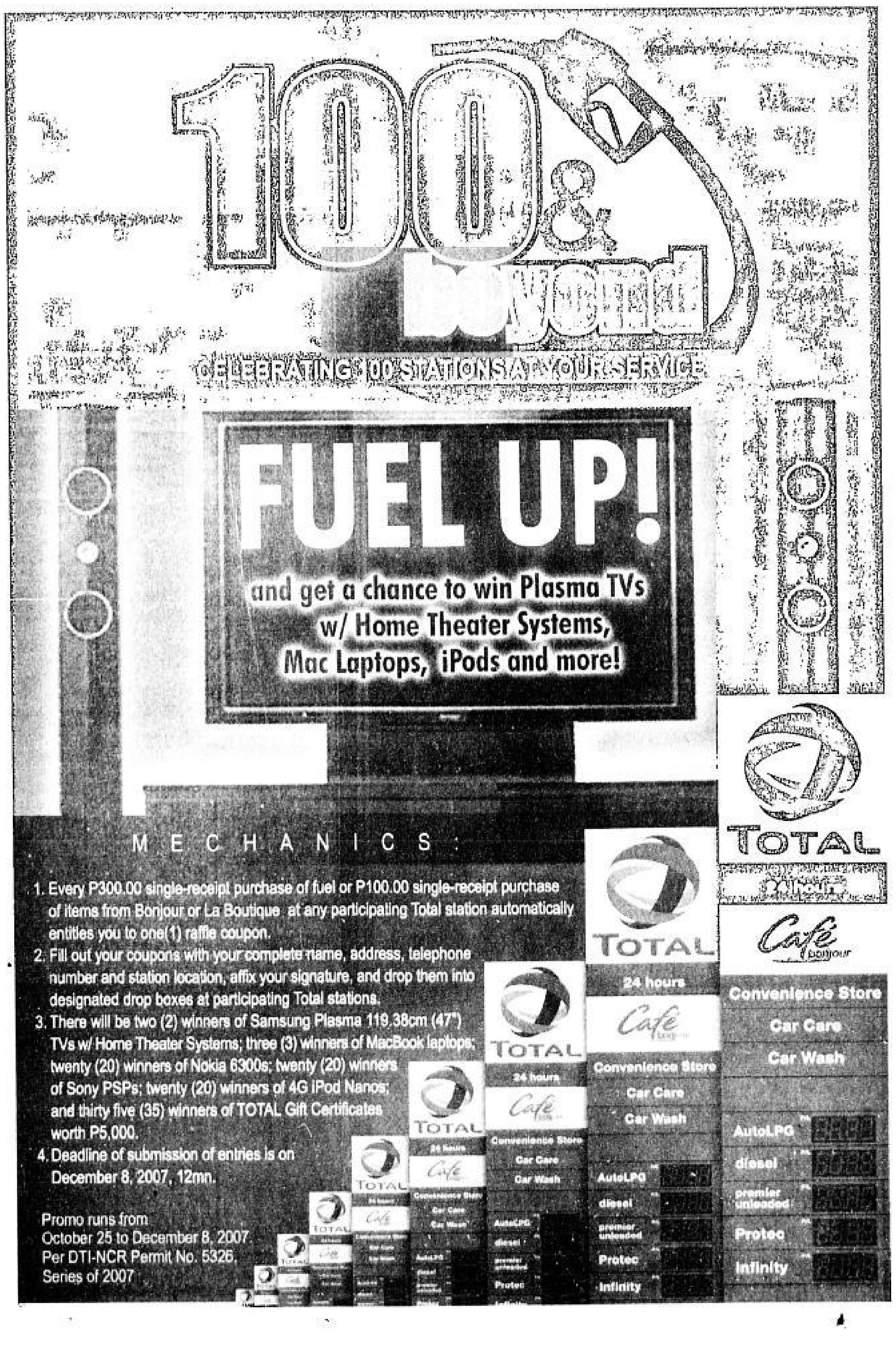
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Quirino's 117th birthday marked today

THE 117th BIRTHDAY OF THE LATE President Elpidio Quirino will be observed simultaneously today in Vigan, Ilocos Sur, and Manila.

A graduate of UP Law School, Quirino started his 45-year career as clerk in the Philippine Commission, where he caught the attention of then President Manuel Quezon. He became Quezon's secretary and eventually served in his Cabinet as secretary of interior. He became a congressman of Ilocos Sur from 1919 to 1925 and senator from 1925 to 1931.

After the founding of the Liberal Party in 1946, he ran for vice president as running mate of President Manuel Roxas. After Roxas died of heart attack in 1948, Quirino assumed the presidency. He later retained the presidency when he was elected in 1949.

The commemoration of his 117th birth anniversary will include a 7:30 a.m. Mass at the San Antonio Church and a program and wreath laying at the South Cemetery led by Mayor Alfredo Lim, granddaughter Cory Quirino and several Liberal Party leaders.

In Vigan, Ilocos Sur, Msgr. Rory Reyes, grand-nephew of President Quirino, will officiate Mass at the Vigan Cathedral followed by a wreath laying at the Quirino Shrine at the town plaza led by Eddie Quirino, a grandson, and Gov. DV Savellano.

HMO deal above board, says LandBank union

OFFICIALS OF THE LAND BANK OF THE Philippines Employees Association (LBPEA) yesterday defended as above board and transparent the P378 million contract between the union and Maxicare Healthcare Corp., a health maintenance organization.

"We did everything by the book," said LBPEA President Maria Lourdes D. Pineda in response to allegations of non-transparency and favoritism in signing up with Maxicare.

Some members of LBPEA had questioned the awarding of the health insurance contract to Maxicare without public bidding.

The LBPEA head explained that as far back as 2004, a survey was conducted to see what HMO the union membership wanted.

Prior to settling with Maxicare, Pineda explained that a thorough comparative study of the existing HMOs was made to determine which outfit can give the best service to the 6,300 strong union membership scattered in 17 provinces across the country.

"Quality of service is the greatest concern of the membership. Maxicare had that in its favor with facilities that can accommodate the bulk of our members," stressed Pineda, adding that 70 percent of its union members are outside the National Capital Region.

Pineda said the selection process was thorough, went through the proper channels and everything was on record.

She added that a study was even conducted last April before the contract with Maxicare was renewed.

"Comparing the middle management association to us is like comparing oranges to lemons," Pineda pointed out, saying the organizational demographics are different with the latter's membership based in Manila.

"Definitely, we have nothing to hide. We just want to set the record straight," she said.

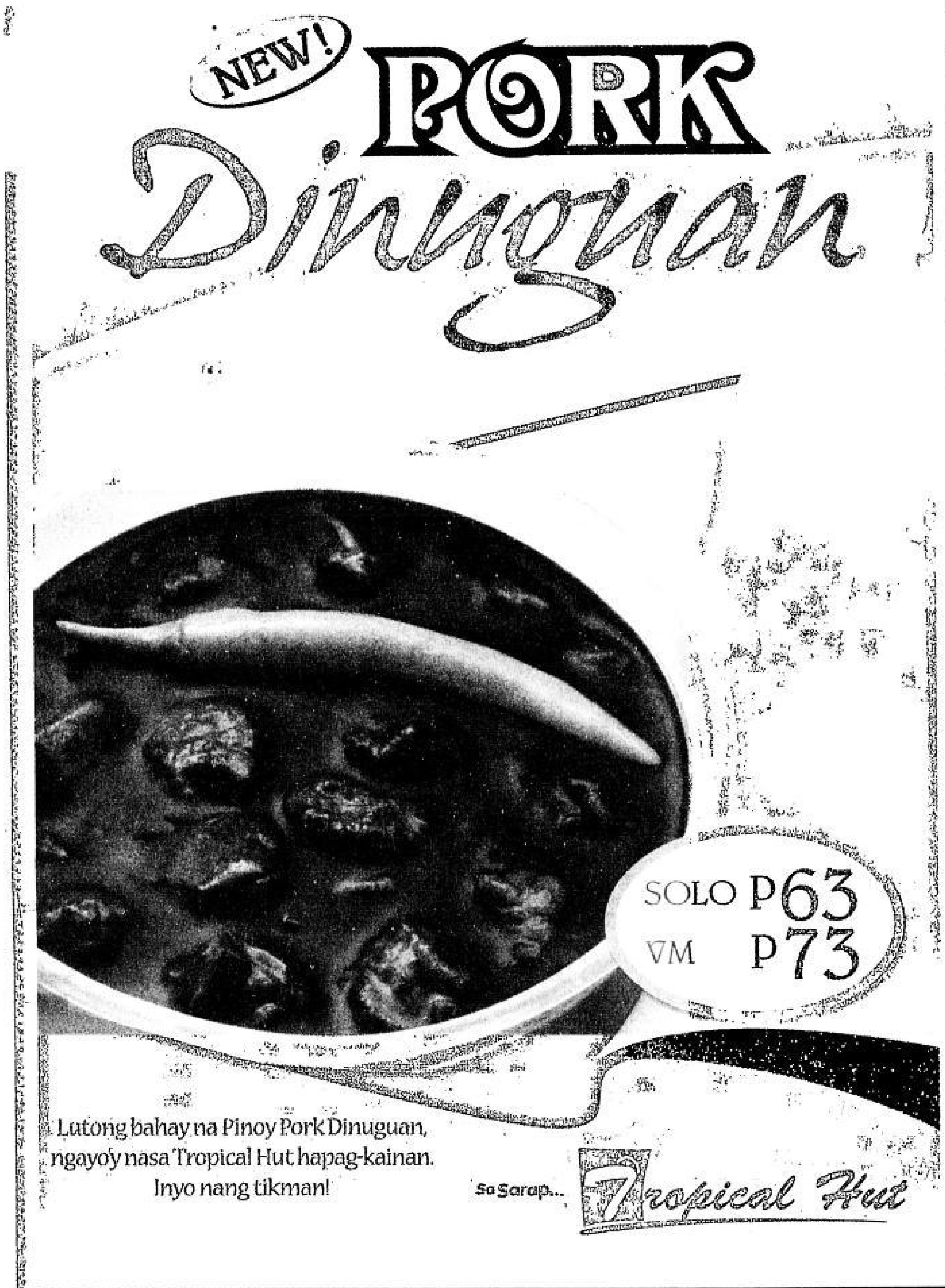
Pineda, however, stressed that as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent recognized by Land Bank, it is within LBPEA's power to negotiate the annual medical benefits won by the union in its collective negotiation agreement (CNA) which translates to enrollment in a HMO.

"To set the record straight, the selection of the HMO is well within the powers of the union and is the realization of the total annual medical benefit won by the union in its collective negotiation agreement (CNA) inked last May 2002," Pineda said.

Maxicare has been the HMO of the LBPEA since 2004.

Pineda viewed with suspicion the timing of the issues raised against the union.

Established in 1978, LBPEA is the rank and file union of the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) covering 17 regions from Batanes to Jolo. Land Bank is the fourth largest financial institution in terms of assets and is the official depository bank of the Republic of the Philippines.



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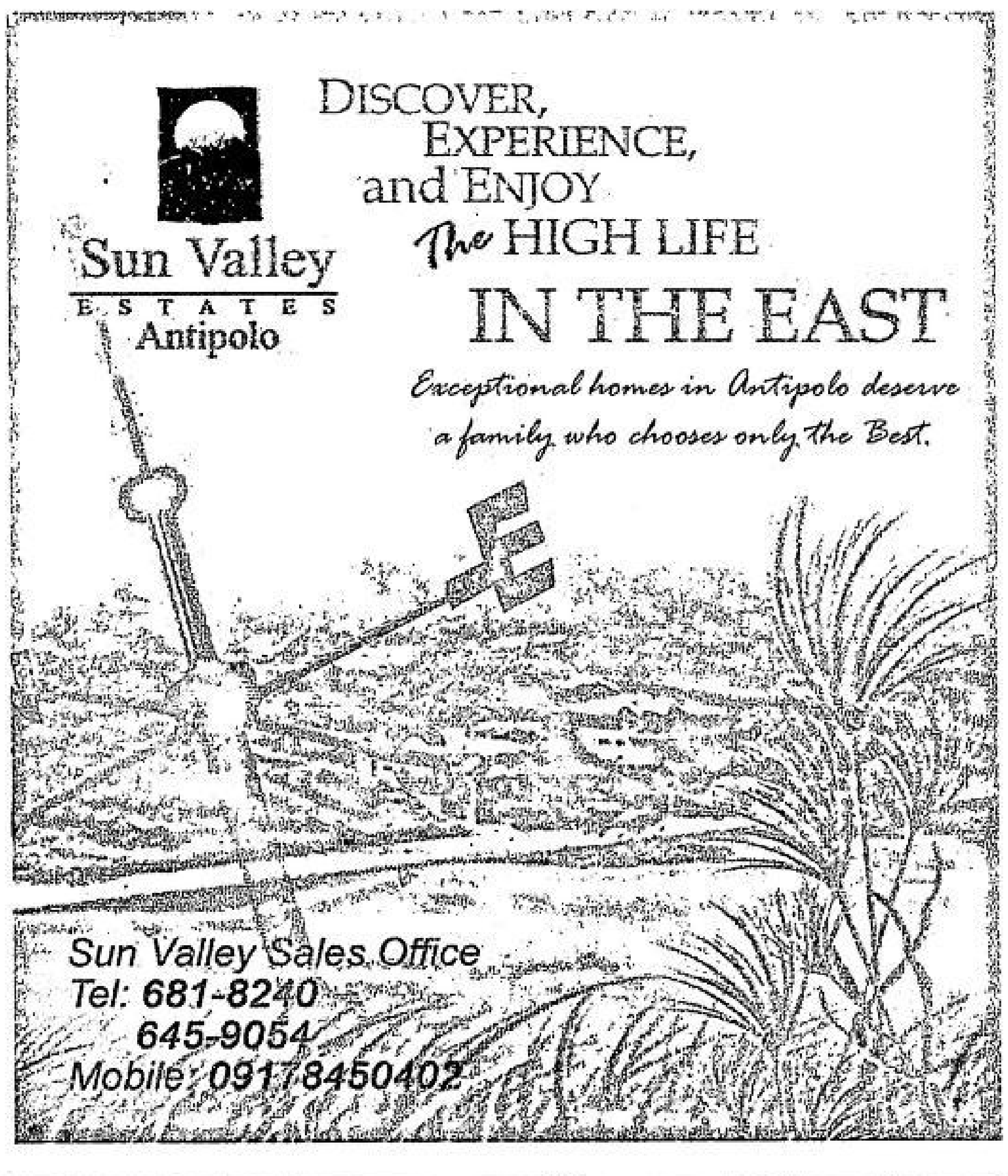

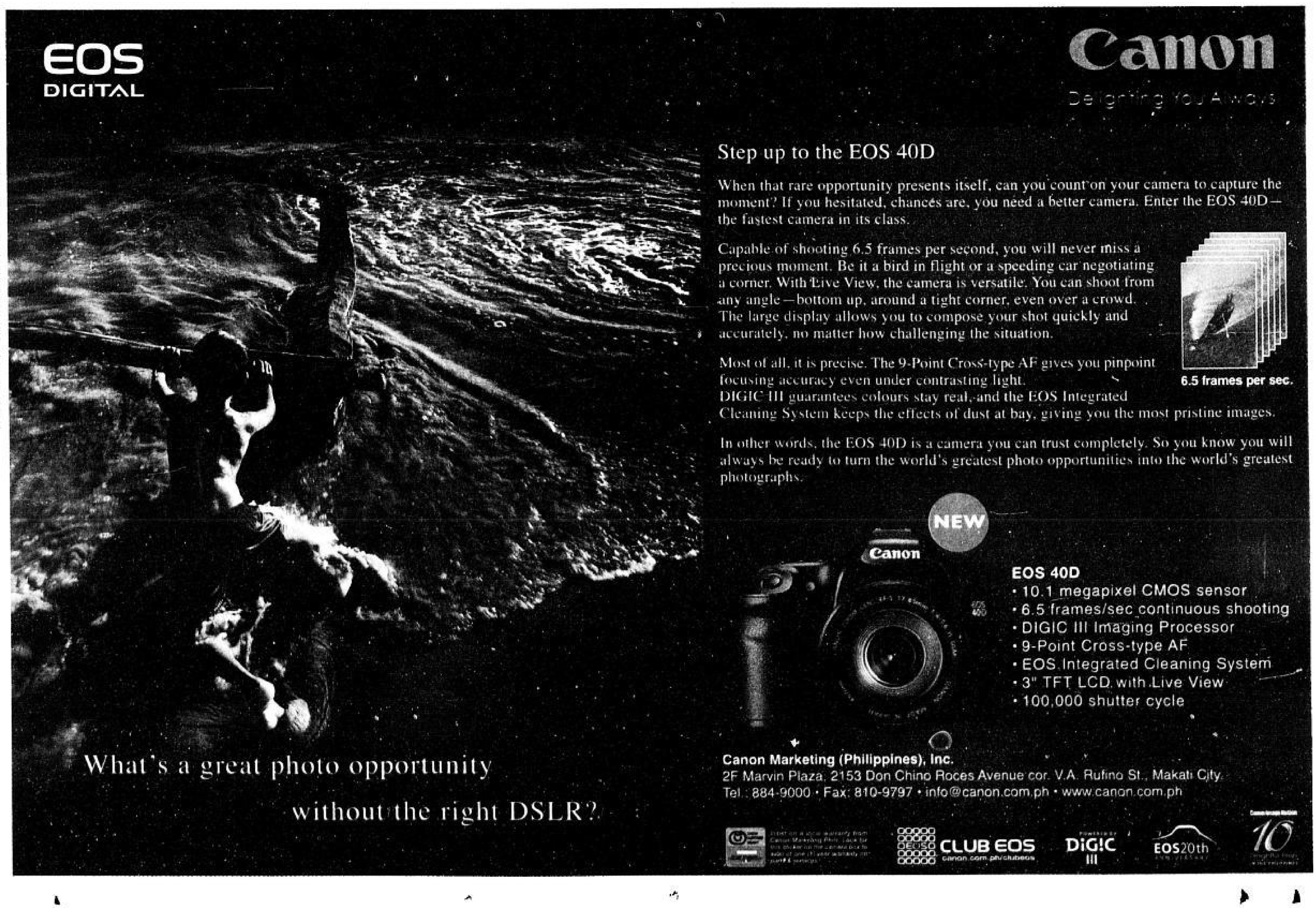

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Senator seeks law to protect kids from online porn

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

REVILLA

DESCRIBING THE INTERNET as the new "nanny," Sen. Ramon Revilla Jr. said the Philippines badly needed a law against pornographic web sites since children left alone who surf the net usually had easy access to such sites.

During a hearing Wednesday of the Senate committee on public information and mass media, which he chairs, Revilla said the extent of obscenity in cyberspace had reached alarming levels.

The movie actor-senator said that based on data provided by antichild pornography groups, parents who let their children surf the Internet unsupervised were making them susceptible to online pornography.

"By allowing perpetrators greater, easier and faster access to child pornography and pornography in general, the growth of the Internet in recent years has created a new series of challenges to law enforcement agencies targeting sexual exploitation," Revilla said in a statement.

"It is not only about the children accessing pornography, but also about children depicted as engaging in sexual activity with adults and other children. They are the first and foremost victims of child sexual abuse," he said.

At the hearing, National Bureau of Investigation supervising agent Palmer Mallari said that Internet service providers (ISPs) and telecommunication companies often invoked the right of confidentiality of their clients when law enforcement agencies sought to retrieve Internet data to be used as evidence against purveyors of cyber pornography.

Mallari said there should be a law that would obligate ISPs and telcos to cooperate with the authorities. He said cases involving pornography, whether online or print, did not prosper in court because of the dearth of laws against the offense.

Revilla said online pornography had become a multibillion-dollar worldwide industry.

Citing a survey posted on the website www.TopTenReviews.com, Revilla said the Philippines ranked eighth among countries with the highest estimated revenues from pornography.

According to the survey, he said, online pornography in the Philippines had generated an estimated $1 billion, the same as in Canada and Taiwan.

China topped the survey with an estimated $27.40 billion revenue from pornography, followed by South Korea with $25.73 billion, Japan $19.98 billion, the United States $13.33 billion, Australia $2 billion, the United Kingdom $1.97 billion and Italy $1.40 billion.

"We are not legislating morality but we must provide an adequate law that would protect our children and other citizens from this peril," Revilla said.

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Jesus said to his disciples, "As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be on the day the Son of Man comes. Then people ate and drank; they took husbands and wives. But on the day Noah entered the ark, the flood came and destroyed them all. Just as it was in the days of Lot: people ate and drank, they bought and sold, planted and built. But on the day Lot left Sodom, God made fire and sulfur rain down from heaven which destroyed them all. So will it be on the day the Son of Man is revealed.

"On that day, if you are on the rooftop, don't go down into the house to get your belongings, and if you happen to be in the fields, do not turn back. Remember Lot's wife. Whoever tries to save his life will lose himself, but whoever gives his life will be born again.

"I tell you, though two men are sharing the same bed, it may be that one will be taken and the other left. Though two women are grinding corn together, one may be taken and the other left."

Then they asked Jesus, "Where will this take place, Lord?" And he answered, "Where the body is, there too will the vultures gather."

Commentary

Are we wise or foolish? What do we know of the awesomeness of God or God's creation and thoughts? Creation is often called the first book of wisdom and the revelation of God. How are we treating this revelation and using its resources: air, water, land, trees, plants, and all its riches shared with us? Do we keep reading what the universe says of God to us? And what does our God in Jesus say to us? God will come to judge the nations and each human being. If that judgment was this year, soon to come, would we be able to rejoice that it was time for our lives to be rendered before God and to give God back this world that has been entrusted to us for our living, our use, and our sharing with those who come after us? Or would we be begging for another chance, another year, another lifetime, to make amends and heal the earth and one another? These are the questions of this year's endtimes, and always it is a gift of God's patience offered again to us.

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Aftershock

EDITORIAL

THE BOMBING OF THE BATASAN LAST TUESDAY was both brutal and unprecedented. Nails were used as shrapnel in the improvised explosive for the first attack on Congress, on record. And yet we can characterize much of the initial public reaction as indifferent at best, blasé at worst. Been there, suffered that.

Let us not take into account the text jokes about congressional sources of methane gas that started circulating an hour or so after the bombing; resorting to jokes is a time-hallowed way of coping with crises. But the stock market, that barometer of investor (and upper-class) sentiment, rose a remarkable 2.3 percent on Wednesday, on the back of good economic and corporate news from Wall Street and as a result, market analysts said, of wide public acceptance of the police investigators' working theory. The police, as early as Wednesday morning, were already working on the assumption that the bombing was directed at a specific target—controversial Basilan Rep. Wahar Akbar—and was thus an isolated if still tragic incident.

"We do not feel that this was part of an organized attempt to terrorize," said Sergio Ortiz-Luis Jr. of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Veteran analyst Luz Lorenzo minimized the bombing's economic costs, although with the necessary caveat: "Sentiment may be affected temporarily, but if it [the explosion] is addressed properly, then it should not do any permanent damage."

Even more important, from the point of view of public perception, the manufacturing company, Splash Corp., did not even hesitate about whether to continue with the listing of its shares yesterday. "The Philippines has sound economic fundamentals. The outlook for corporate earnings is still good. The market ignored the bombing and its strong performance is a good sign for us to go ahead with the listing," Splash chief finance officer Emmanuel Manucom said.

The country's dollar traders discounted the import of the Batasan bombing too; last Wednesday, it ended five centavos stronger.

The remote-controlled bombing—which resulted in the killing of Akbar, the wounding of two other congressmen and 11 more victims, and the death of three more innocents—stunned many Filipinos, if we judge by the feedback the INQUIRER has received. But the sense of outrage does not seem to be there.

In part, this may be because of the controversial Akbar, a former member of the Abu Sayyaf and a three-term governor of Basilan; in part, perhaps, because of the lost luster of the House of Representatives as an institution of democracy. Or it could be that the spiral of violence that seems to afflict our politics and attend our politicians (how many barangay officials were killed during the brief barangay election season?) has led us, willy-nilly, to some sort of bad news fatigue. Been there, endured that.

A news report by Ces Drilon on ABS-CBN on Wednesday night drew a balanced picture of public opinion in Basilan, where Akbar held sway for many years and where one of his wives is incumbent governor and another one is mayor of the biggest town, where the slain congressman did not lack for both ardent friends and mortal enemies. In a word, his sudden death grieved some, unsettled many and was received fatalistically by the rest.

The same picture seems to be forming of public opinion about the bombing in general: Some see it as a terrible omen of things to come, a possibly diversionary attack on Congress. Many see it as bad news, making us uneasy for a time and then quickly forgotten in the daily grind. The rest see it as an act of fate, something beyond our control, and thus beneath our interest.

To be sure, horrific images of the blast, including the photograph that appeared in this newspaper yesterday, showing a burned-down luxury vehicle with a congressman's license plate—that unmistakable 8—still intact and recognizable, will continue to be available in many forms, in print or online, on television or by MMS. What will their impact be on the young, those who are still taking their measure of the society we live in? We do not know which is worse: they see the shocking images as an omen of a bleak future, or they don't see anything wrong with them at all.

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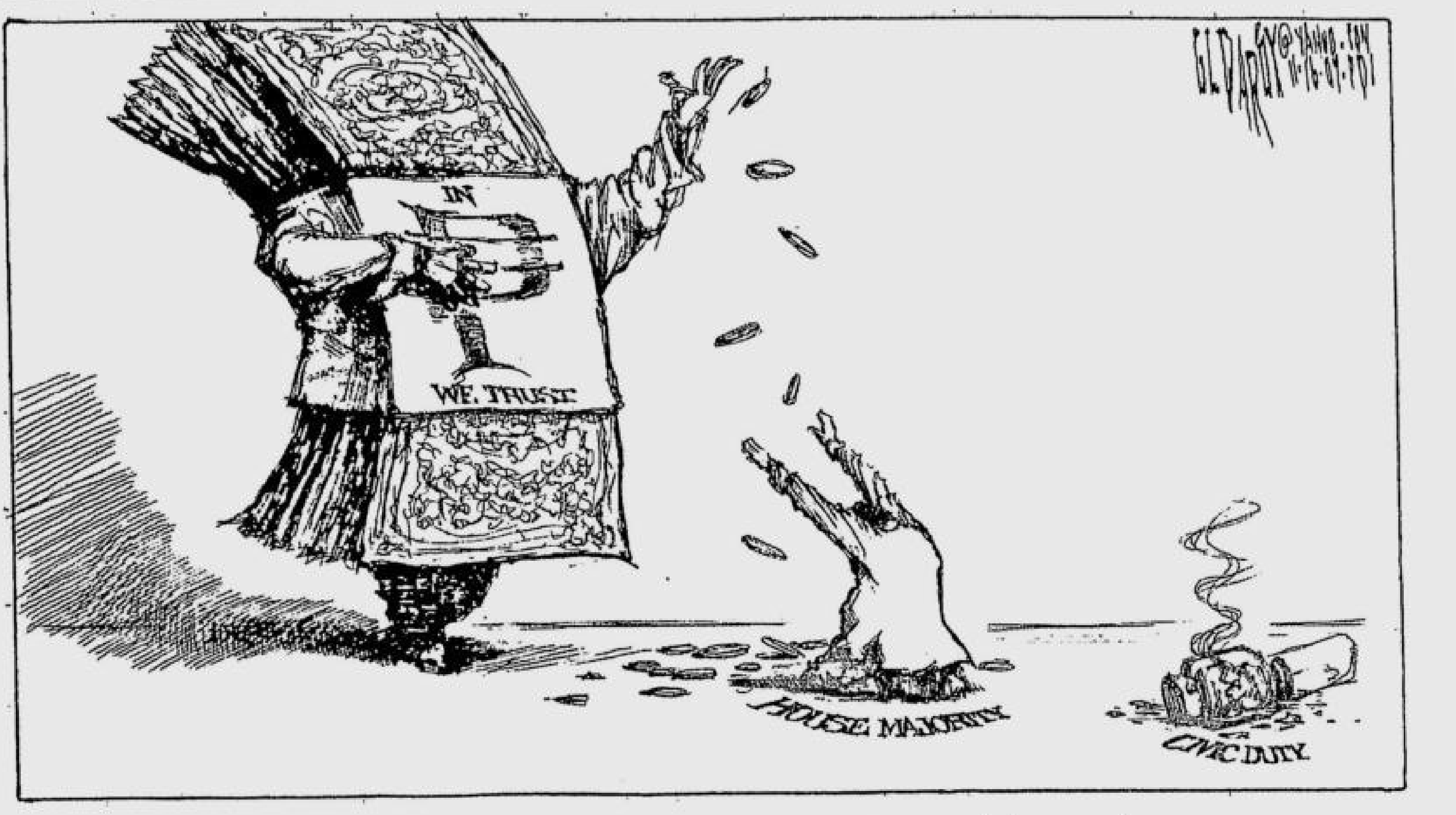

Manotoks fighting two land battles

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

NOW I AM READY TO BELIEVE THAT THE Batasan blast was caused by methane gas.

Why? Because of three things:

1. Methane is produced by rotting garbage. The Batasan is full of dirt and trash, *di ba*?
2. Methane is produced by shit, and members of the Batasan are full of shit.
3. Methane is produced in a septic tank. The Batasan is one big septic tank.

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Congressmen can now say they earned the "cash gifts" (translation: bribes) distributed in Malacañang.

Malacañang can say the "distribution" was worth it.

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The Manotok family is fighting land battles on two fronts: in the case involving the Maysilo Estate in Malabon-Caloocan-Valenzuela-Quezon City; and in the case involving the Manotok-Barque in Matandang Balara, QC. Being prime property, the two land areas are worth billions of pesos. The portion of Maysilo Estate being contested is 300 hectares; the Matandang Balara property, beside Ayala Heights and the Capitol Golf Course, is 34 hectares.

The Supreme Court has already ruled on the two cases—against the Manotoks. But the family has successfully made the tribunal reopen the cases. The final Supreme Court decision will have a big impact on the country's Torrens titling system.

The Manotoks have sent me two letters explaining their side on the cases after I devoted two columns on them. This is their version of the cases:

The Maysilo Estate case. More than 300 hectares of the 1,660-hectare estate are being claimed by Jose B. Dimson, a lawyer who filed his claim several years ago. Dimson says that Original Certificate of Title (OCT) 994, the mother title of 25 percent of the property he is claiming, (the bigger portion is being claimed by the so-called Rivera heirs of Maria de la Concepcion Vidal) was issued on April 19, 1917. On the other hand, the Manotoks and Aranetas have OCT 994 dated May 3, 1917. The Supreme Court has ruled that since the Rivera title antedates that of the Manotok-Araneta title, then the earlier title is superior.

The Land Registration Authority (LRA), however, has said the Dimson OCT is spurious, that it is non-existent and that it could have been "an elaborate scam perpetrated at the Caloocan City Register of Deeds." The register of deeds, lawyer Yolanda Alfonso, and her deputy, Norberto Vasquez Jr., admitted during a Senate investigation that they changed the date of the Rivera title to April 19, 1917 for unexplained reasons, for which reason both of them have been charged criminally.

Testimonies in previous court cases also established that Vidal was only 9 years old when Decree 36455 over the land was issued on Dec. 3, 1912, while her supposed grandson, Bartolome Rivera, was already 65 years old when he testified in a Pasig court in 1963. "This is a fantastic case of the grandson being older than the grandmother," said a report of the Land Registration Commission (now the LRA) in 1981.

Bartolome was the only surviving son of Severo Rivera, a son of Vidal who died in 1907. The mother was only 4 years old when she gave birth to Severo!

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The other case, Manotok vs Barque, also concerns two conflicting certificates of titles to 34 hectares of prime land in QC, known as the Manotok Compound. The Monotoks, who actually live on the property, claim that they acquired the land from the government in 1920. The other title is held by the heirs of Homer Barque who is said to have bought the land in 1975.

After the 1988 fire that destroyed the QC Register of Deeds records, the Manotoks applied for reconstitution and obtained the reconstituted title in 1991. The Barques applied for reconstitution of their own title in 1996. This started the case that is now with the Supreme Court en banc.

The LRA ordered the reconstitution of the Barque title. The Manotoks appealed to the Court of Appeals who sustained the LRA and ordered the cancellation of the Manotok title. The Manotoks went to the Supreme Court, raising a number of issues:

1. Whether the LRA has jurisdiction to rule on the validity of the Manotok title.

2. Whether the CA may assume jurisdiction over the cases.

3. Whether the CA may order the cancellation of the Manotok title and the reconstitution of the Barque title.

In a majority decision penned by Justice Consuelo Ynares-Santiago, the Supreme Court's First Division:

1. Upheld the LRA decision declaring the Barque title as genuine (based on the owner's duplicate certificate of title) and the Manotok title as spurious. It added that the LRA has jurisdiction to act on petitions for administrative reconstitution. Logically, the Court said, the LRA can declare a title sham or valid on its face.

2. Ruled that the Court of Appeals properly exercised its appellate jurisdiction over the judgment of the LRA. "No useful purpose will be served if the determination of an issue is remanded to the trial court only to have its decision raised again to the Court of Appeals and then to the Supreme Court," it said.

3. Said that the Manotoks were not deprived of "their property" without due process when the Court of Appeals ordered the cancellation of their title even without a direct proceeding in the Regional Trial Court. By opposing the petition for reconstitution and by submitting their reconstituted title, the Manotoks acquiesced to the authority of the reconstituting officer, the LRA, and the Court of Appeals, and recognized their authority to pass judgment on their title.

Although the Supreme Court decision has become final and executory, the Manotoks were able to have the Court en banc reopen the case. This is now the case which the Supreme Court has to resolve.

Eerie resemblances in Pakistan's dilemma

PASSION FOR REASON

Raul C. Pangalangan

AMERICANS HAVE A FUNNY TERM FOR IT: "separated at birth." The resemblances are so uncanny that the Philippines can certainly sympathize with a Pakistan forced to choose between a dictator who says he declared martial law in order to save democracy, and a democratic opposition slowly rallying around a woman leader, daughter of a former president and married to a polo playing husband linked to almost every corruption scandal while she was prime minister.

Gen. Pervez Musharraf seized power in a bloodless coup in October 1999. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif had sacked him as army chief, which the generals rejected. Sharif shut down the Karachi airport to prevent Musharraf's plane from landing. The generals staged a coup until the plane had just a few minutes of fuel to spare. Musharraf landed, and the sacked became the sacker. Musharraf immediately placed Sharif under house arrest and sent him off to exile.

In 2001, Musharraf appointed himself president, and in 2002, amended the constitution to grant him the power to fire the prime minister and disband parliament. Two weeks ago, on Nov. 3, he declared a state of emergency, suspended the constitution, and fired the Supreme Court chief justice. Military troops have shut down a TV station, arrested opposition leaders, and violently dispersed protesters. They have warned the media that any criticism of the president would be punishable by three years in jail and a $70,000 fine.

And guess to whom their nation turns to save democracy? Benazir Bhutto, the bright, charismatic daughter of a former president. She served as prime minister twice between 1988 and 1996. She initially "mesmerized" the nation but the "euphoria faded fast [as] newspapers [reported] dubious deals," mainly involving her husband, Asif Ali Zardari, who was said to have "turned his marriage to Ms Bhutto into a source of virtually unchallengeable power." Compared to his Oxford educated wife, his only claim to "higher education was a stint at a commercial college in London."

Zardari rode "roughshod over the bureaucracy although he had no formal economic powers," making no attempt to disguise his interference and "invoking his wife's authority when ordering officials to override regulations meant to prevent graft in the assignment of contracts." Investigators estimated more than $1.5 billion in illicit payoffs in virtually every sphere of government activity: the privatization of state-owned assets, awarding of broadcast licenses and permits for power projects, granting of a monopoly for rice exports, the purchase of airplanes for the Pakistan Air Lines, the assignment of textile export quotas, granting of oil and gas exploration permits, and even raids into pension funds.

Benazir defended her husband. "He's a very generous person," she said. "His weakness, and his strength, is that he's always trying to help [the Pakistani] people."

When Zardari wanted a protected nature reserve to be bulldozed into a polo field and diverted $1.3 million from the parks and recreation fund, a senior government official balked. That official later testified that Zardari "categorically told me that he does not appreciate his orders [being] examined and questioned by any authority." I guess that's the long-winded Pakistani way of saying, "Back off!"

Benazir was later convicted for taking kickbacks while in office, sentenced to five years in prison and barred from holding public office. (This was later vacated on appeal.) She was in London at that time, and remained in exile until Musharraf issued a "reconciliation ordinance" dropping all remaining corruption charges last Oct. 18 (hereabouts, Erap's own pardon would come one week later on Oct. 25) to enable her to return and join forces with the increasingly beleaguered Musharraf.

(They even have their equivalent of Senators Robert Jaworski and Freddie Webb, in the person of celebrity cricketer Imran Khan, who captained Pakistan's team to win the 1992 Cricket World Cup. He heads the political party Movement for Justice, and is now under house arrest as well.)

It's like Philippine history telescoped to skip a few decades, and we end up with a Ferdinand Marcos minus the UP law degree (and oh the juridical brain that can concoct a "constitutional authoritarianism") opposed by a Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo returning in glory, her past shenanigans forgotten.

The last Philippine resemblance, though, is in the role of the Supreme Court. One of the first acts of Musharraf earlier in his tenure was to make the judges take a new oath to uphold his government (and many rejected it and paid the price), and twice to fire the independent-minded Chief Justice Iftikhar Chaudhry, first in March 2007 (but he was reinstated by the Court in July) and then when the emergency was declared in November, as the Chaudhry-led Court seemed poised to nullify Musharraf's most recent election to a fresh five-year term as president. The Court most recently struck down the state of emergency.

Just like Pakistan, our democracy has merely brought corrupt elite politicians into power, and they simply take their turn at the till and alternately accuse the other of corruption. We are so at a loss that some Filipinos now seem open to fascist rule all over again. The Pakistani experience should warn us that those who seek a local Lee Kuan Yew might end up with a Pinoy Pervez Musharraf; that we should guard against well-born kleptocrats posing as saviors of democracy; and that we must ensure that courts become truly the "schoolmasters of the republic," insulated from the politics of power so that they dedicate themselves to the nobler politics of norms.

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Violence invades Congress

ANALYSIS

Amando Doronila

THE BOMBING OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES last Tuesday, killing Basilan Rep. Wahab Akbar and three other people, was, on record, the first-ever bombing attack on Congress, which celebrated its centenary this year.

A number of congressmen had been assassinated in the past in the heat of political campaigns, either in their homes or their districts. But violence had never invaded the premises of this venerable institution that has been, until last Tuesday, the bedrock of Philippine representative democracy, claiming the life of one of its members.

Provincial officials, governors as well as mayors, have been killed and assaulted, either in their homes, offices or public places. These were attacks on their persons and these did not traduce the authority of the institutions they represented.

This is the dimension of the bombing that truly makes it more significant than the climate of violence that has recently enveloped the country, including the explosion at the Glorietta 2 shopping mall and the killing of officials of the Commission on Elections.

There have been attacks in Congress in the past, the most memorable of which was the attack on President Ferdinand Marcos and Imelda Marcos on Jan. 26, 1970, as they boarded their car at the driveway of the historic legislative building, the birthplace of Philippine representative democracy, during the student rebellion of that era. Despite the high intensity of social and political unrest at the time, the activists vented their rage on Marcos and never attacked members of Congress. The bombing of the Batasan and the death of Akbar thus mark the lowest point of public respect for and veneration of public office in the Philippines.

Prior to the bombing, the highest symbol of state power in the country, the presidency, had drawn most of the violence stemming from rebellions against state power. On Jan. 30, 1970, three days after the attack on Marcos at the old Congress, up to 50,000 students stormed Malacañang, and the army was called in to protect the seat of power from the mob and to save Marcos and his family from physical harm. On May 1, 2001, mobs of urban poor partisans of deposed President Joseph Estrada stormed the Palace in protest against his arrest after plunder charges had been filed against him.

But Congress and its members were spared the violence in their own domain.

Despite the shenanigans of lawmakers and all the scandals involving the abuse of the pork-barrel allocations, the kickbacks from pork-barrel funded projects, junkets and profligate spending, Congress projected the image as a counterpoise to the abuse of power by the presidency. This has been one of its redeeming assets. As one of the two most powerful political institutions of Philippine democracy, Congress has remained more immune to violent attacks on its institution and its members than the presidency. It has, despite its faults, managed to emerge from the numerous crises of the republic as the people's forum, serving as their voice, despite the fact that it has proved to be the base of elite interests and lobby groups for narrow private interests.

This context is important in determining the responsibility for last Tuesday's bombing, and the message it sent. Various theories have come up to pinpoint responsibility. The police have uncovered evidence that the bomb was planted on one of the motorcycles at the parking bay of the Batasan south wing and was directed and controlled by a timing device. This prompted them to offer the tentative explanation that Akbar was "a likely target," and it was "personality-oriented because Akbar was closest to the bomb, and the target could not have been the House as an institution."

This theory follows the line that the bombing was a terrorist act linked to the Abu Sayyaf. It proposes that the bombing was payback for Akbar's accusation that the Abu Sayyaf bandits beheaded government troops in Basilan in July. It has been pointed out that Akbar used to be allied with the Abu Sayyaf in the past. Speaker Jose de Venecia asserted on the night of the explosion that there was "the possibility of a terrorist, an anarchist and extremist who wants to destabilize ... the national government."

The tentative police explanation tends to parallel the payback, personalistic theory and to contradict the theory that the bombing was an attack on the House as an institution. PNP Director General Avelino Razon has said there was "no basis" to say the explosion was part of a plot to destabilize the government.

De Venecia's view, however, magnifies the attack as a grave threat to the institutional foundations of representative democracy anchored on Congress and veers away from the theory that the bombing was a violent manifestation of disenchantment with Congress rather than just a result of violent politics in Akbar's home province.

Of course, the police have not ruled out other explanations. Among those injured was a leftist member of Congress, Gabriela party-list Rep. Luzviminda Ilagan, raising the possibility that the bombing was also intended against the Left, whose political activism has created political enemies among the conservative sector in our security forces.

While nothing has crystallized to confirm any of these theories, it can no longer be ignored that the culture of violence surrounding representative democracy in the Philippine has invaded the once sacrosanct precincts of Congress.

Lifelines

PINOY KASI

Michael L. Tan

LAST WEDNESDAY, I BEGAN WRITING ABOUT SUICIDE among the young. My own mother winced when she saw the article and commented that I shouldn't be writing about such "horrible matters," reminding me of how suicide is so terribly stigmatized. Note how even the verb "committed" has connotations of crime and sin, which is why I prefer to use a more neutral "died by suicide" or the Filipino "*nagpakamatay.*"

We feel uncomfortable discussing suicide, especially among the young, but by leaving the topic untouched, we might deny support to those who are at risk. We don't need more sensationalism; what we have to develop is more compassion, and a willingness to help.

I cited an article that just came out last year in the journal School Psychology International, looking into suicide attempts among the young. The study, authored by Randy Page and others—Thai, Taiwanese and a Filipina, Emilia Patricia Zarco—included eight high schools in the Philippines with 3,320 respondents. They reported that 10.8 percent of the males and 10.9 percent of the females had attempted suicide.

The researchers looked into links between hopelessness and loneliness to suicide attempts. These are called "cognitive variables" because they refer to the way people perceive or interpret their environment.

As expected, the researchers found that hopelessness correlated with suicide attempts, although in the Philippines, levels of hopelessness were low compared to those in Taiwan and Thailand. However, the researchers admitted that it was difficult to interpret such findings because hopelessness often goes with depression and it's not always clear if, ultimately, it's the depression or despair or a combination of both that leads to suicide attempts.

Loneliness

The findings on loneliness were much clearer, with a definite association with suicide attempts in all three settings. In this aspect, Filipino students scored higher (meaning there was more loneliness) than the Thai and Taiwan samples although the differences were quite small.

The researchers say that loneliness has "significant potential" for suicide attempts, and suggest it might even be a "subtype" of depression. The lack of social support becomes even riskier in Asian societies because we emphasize interdependence.

We do give a premium to sociality—Filipinos love being in large groups and crowds—so it's more difficult for us to be alone. At the same time, many of our young are being reared with some degree of social isolation, as an only child, or, because of the diaspora, an absent parent or even parents. Independence has become an asset that we want to develop in our children, yet we might often be expecting too much from them, especially when they see friends and classmates with wide social support networks. When a serious problem crops up, the relative absence of social networks could create a sense not just of loneliness but of abandonment.

It's important to look at the other risk factors that might amplify loneliness and hopelessness, such as the use of alcohol or drugs or very serious personal problems like sexual abuse. Nothing should be overlooked here: Dr. Emma Llanto, a psychiatrist specializing in adolescents, texted me after my last column came out and says that she advises other physicians to always be on the lookout for signs of risks for suicides with adolescents, and to probe, "even if they come in because of coughs and colds."

'Andar'

We tend to dismiss suicide attempts as part of youthful rebellion. "*Pa-andar*" is the term sometimes used, meaning to start something and that something is to get attention. But the fact that the young have to resort to something as grave as threatened suicide should alert families that something is drastically wrong and to find ways to ferret out the problem.

A suicide attempt is a clear distress signal, a call for help. Many may not actually want to kill themselves but that's not a reason to dismiss the attempts. It's been pointed out in many studies that females attempt more suicides, while males "succeed" more frequently with the attempts.

We should remember, too, that "*pa-andar*" strategies may be a plea for understanding. Loneliness is often the product of people being pushed away or marginalized, simply because they're different. Adolescence is a difficult period for most young people, but it can be worse for gays, lesbians and transgenders, who may be ostracized, even maltreated, by their own family. "*Pa-andar*" could be a way of trying to gain sympathy, or of getting back at the family, and might ironically create a backlash, inviting even more marginalization.

We need more research on the Philippine contexts that could trigger serious depression and, eventually, suicide. Anecdotally, we hear about broken hearts from romance, but there's a tendency for more of such stories to make it into the grapevine. The Davao case reminds us that inability to keep up in school because of poverty can also be a triggering factor. Children actually love school because this is where their friends are. Schools also give the young an opportunity for extended networks, for example, kids with unhappy family environments might actually be able to survive because of the kindness of the parents of their friends.

Psychologists have a term for this: connectivity. What's important is that young people need to have at least one person to whom they can run for advice and support, without any "ifs" and "buts." That can be a teacher, a guidance counselor, a priest, pastor or nun, or, as I mentioned earlier, the parent of a best friend. It's someone who will not be judgmental, who will allow you to cry on their shoulder, but stop you from wallowing in self-pity.

Schools need well-trained professionals, accessible in times of crisis. But we all need to pitch in as well, even if we're not guidance counselors. I have a doctor friend who encourages her child in college to invite friends from outside Metro Manila to join her family for the weekend. Campuses and dormitories do take on a lonely quality on weekends, not the best environment for dealing with a personal crisis, and simply being with a family will go a long way.

We tend to over-simplify youthful suicide, attributing it to young people's "immaturity" and inability to deal with something we see as trivial, like a problem with a boyfriend or girlfriend. But these youthful broken hearts are important: if we can't be around to help the young to sort out such affairs, they're going to repeat mistakes later in life, after marriage, maybe even resorting to more suicide attempts.

Let's come to terms, too, with the many other kinds of broken hearts: the broken hearts of those cut off from social networks because a parent is working overseas or, worse, because a parent or guardian is around but just doesn't have the time for their children. When this happens, we will need people ready to throw out a lifeline. That's what connectivity is all about.

Violent end for man who wanted peace

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

WHETHER OR NOT HE WAS INDEED THE TARget of the bomb that went off at the House of Representatives Tuesday evening, Basilan Rep. Wahab Akbar certainly makes for a most compelling symbol of the continuing conflict in Mindanao.

The former three-term governor of Basilan, Akbar had a colorful past. In an article, journalist Samira Gutoc quotes his recent (his first and last) privilege speech where he described himself as having been "a laborer ... a driver ... an operator of heavy equipment ... a bakery owner ... a fishpond owner ... a fish broker ... a banana broker ... a cigarette smuggler ... an agricultural student ... an activist against Marcos ... a student of Islamic theology ... a preacher ... a deputy commander of the MNLF."

He was also, wrote Gutoc, reputed to be a cofounder of the notorious Abu Sayyaf Group, together with Khadaffy Janjalani. But upon his entry into politics, Akbar distanced himself from the ASG, even though military authorities and political opponents continued to claim that he was a supporter.

In one other twist of fate, Akbar, who had lived for most of his life battling ideological and political foes, devoted his last public statement to the cause of peace. In a privilege speech, Akbar called for greater coordination between the local government in Basilan and the military before an intensified armed campaign against the ASG was to be launched. He also called for an investigation into the killing of an imam that was said to have triggered the armed confrontation that resulted in the beheading of several Marines, and warned against the perpetuation of a cycle of vengeance in the island. He took to task the military leaders in Basilan:

"Why should they inflict injury above injuries? Why should they use their budget in search for the beheaders through a huge number of soldiers instead of using it in helping me plant more rubber (trees) so that there will be no beheading in the future? Why wouldn't they cooperate with the local leaders in order to settle the problem by not inflicting more problems?"

He concluded with a heartfelt call for peace: "Mr. Speaker, let's give peace all chances that it needs if only to ensure the welfare of our children, and the children yet to come in my province."

Well, peace has proven elusive in Basilan and many parts of Mindanao. And if indeed the bomb was meant to kill Akbar, then the conflicts and hatred he dealt with for much of his adult life seem to have followed him all the way to the Batasan.

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BECAUSE he asked for my thoughts on the issue, and in light of Tuesday's column on a proposed "Magna Carta of Women," I'm discussing in this space something that the INQUIRER's "man in Hollywood," Ruben Nepales, recently wrote about in his blog.

Whenever he gets to read the copies of this paper that are shipped to him by friends in Manila, said Nepales, he can't help but notice "ads that reflect the discriminatory policies of some human resources departments in Philippine companies." These personnel notices, he said, "not only showed age and sex bias but also discrimination based on height, looks and marital status." If such ads appeared in US papers, "discrimination lawsuits would immediately be filed against these employers."

He then cites examples of copy in employment ads that typically appear in local papers, not just the INQUIRER:

"Female, single, not more than 28 yrs; at least 5'1"—this was a line from an employment ad for a telemarketer. Why this employer would discriminate based on height, among other things, is beyond me. After all, a telemarketer is defined as a salesperson who uses the telephone to solicit prospective customers to buy products or services. Are the telephones hanging way up in the ceiling or the walls of this telemarketing office?

"Single, not more than 25 years old, must be computer literate, good looking..."—from an ad searching for a female private secretary. Enough said.

"Single, female..."—a couple of requirements for a pre-school teacher.

An ad announcing vacancies for electrical engineer and mechanical engineers and a sales representative demands that applicants must be "male, not more than 30 years old..." but for an internal auditor, the applicant not only has to be female, she must be "single, not more than 27 years old."

Comments Nepales: "I am appalled. Hello, it's the 21st century. Can't women apply as electrical and mechanical engineers and men aspire to be internal auditors in this company in the Philippines? And why the age restrictions? They are deplorable requirements to begin with—but to set different age requirements for male and female job applicants?

"Discrimination against job applicants based on sex, age, marital status, height and looks, among other qualifications, should stop. If there is no law yet against this type of discrimination, Philippine lawmakers should immediately enact one."

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WELL, I've got news for you, Ruben. There already is a law, known as the Shahani Law, that prohibits gender-based discrimination in the "hiring, training and promotion" of employees. Once the "Magna Carta of Women" is passed, even broader sanctions against discrimination will be in place. But I don't know if these laws apply as well to discrimination based on age, height, looks or "personality."

The trouble is that with no enforcement or oversight agency designated, nobody it seems bothers to enforce the Shahani Law or complain about its routine violation. Let's hope the Magna Carta, which is quite specific about the oversight agency (the proposed Commission on Women) and an ombud agency (the Commission on Human Rights), fares better.

Hunger in the eyes of the poor

COMMENTARY

Denis Murphy

Almost all of us in the whole community experience hunger

FORTUNATELY, THERE IS MORE DISCUSSION of hunger in the media today, but it has the old limitation: we hear from people who most likely haven't experienced a week of real hunger in their lives (including this author). We need statistics and analyses to grasp the problem systematically, but don't we also have to hear of hunger as a lived experience? The words of the 16th-century spiritual writer Thomas à Kempis may be apt: "I would rather feel contrition than know its definition."

We need testimony from hungry people to understand the pain hunger causes in every part of a family's life? With this in mind, our office put together selections from discussions we have had over the past few months with poor mothers in Baseco, Paco Estero, East Triangle, Quezon City, and the Southville relocation center in Cabuyao, Laguna. The family food budgets of these women for a day ranged from P73 to P140, with an average of about P100, or P20 a day for each person. The following is what the women said when we asked them to discuss hunger.

Hunger and family relations:

- My children always complain that they don't have enough food. "*Palagi silang gutom.*" (They're always hungry.) When they complain, I tell them to stop. Then I shout. Then if they don't stop, I "*bugbog*" (beat) them.
- Our children are sickly. They can't remember things and have low grades. We can't ask them to do anything. "*Sinisigawan ka. Gutom talaga.*" (They scream at you. They are really hungry.)
- Hungry mothers can't think straight either. We're always angry with our children and husbands. "*Sabi ng kapitbahay ko pag maingay daw ako sigurado siya na gutom na naman ako.*" (My neighbors say if they hear me being noisy, they are sure I am feeling hungry.)
- Our children are thin, malnourished, anemic, slow in school, lacking energy. "*Pag gutom ang bata, mahina, pahiga-higa.*" (If a child is hungry, he is weak and always lethargic.)
- Our teenagers are weak, lonely, pitiful. They don't stop saying, "I'm already hungry, mom."
- "*Huwag mangangalabit pag gutom, walang tabi tabi, gitna ang anak, walang usap-usap.*" (Husbands can't demand sex when wives are hungry. A child sleeps between us. We don't talk.) Mothers are always angry when they are hungry.

What do they do to alleviate hunger?

- "*Nangangalkal ng basura para lang may makain. Walang hiya-hiya basta malagpasan ang gutom.*" (We scavenge the garbage dump for food. We can't afford to be ashamed, we need to overcome the hunger.)
- We go to Divisoria to ask sellers for nearly rotten vegetables, and we eat them right there.
- We feel pity for our children whenever they are hungry. Even if it is hard on our neighbors or siblings, we ask food from them. We feel hurt when we see our children looking at our neighbor's children eating. "*Sinasabihan ko na lang na mag-aral na lang nang maigi para pag laki may pambili ng pagkain.*" (I just tell them to study hard so when they grow up, they will earn enough to buy food.)
- If my husband complains about the food, I tell him to earn more money so we can all eat more.
- "*Maya-maya humihingi ng piso pag gutom. Pag walang maibigay, palo.*" (Our children ask for P1 when they are hungry. When there's nothing to give, I spank them.)
- "*Walang tigil sa kasasabi, 'Gutom na ako, mama.' Sinisigawan ko, 'Huwag kang maingay.'*" (They do not stop telling me, "I am hungry, mom." I shout at them to stop complaining.)
- I feel hurt when I see my children hungry. I pity them, but I can do nothing. "*Hindi mo naman maaabot ang langit para ibigay.*" (I cannot reach the sky so I can give it to them.)

Who are the hungriest?

- "Us! We have no work, so we collect garbage from the dump. *Magdamag kang mag-aantay ng tambak tapos pag-uwi wala kang dala.*" (We spend the whole night waiting for the garbage truck, but when it arrives, we get nothing and we go home empty-handed.)
- Almost all of us in the whole community experience hunger. The most hungry are the beggars and scavengers. We scavenge ourselves sometimes.
- The best thing the government can do is give us a job.

The mothers say they don't worry anymore about food's nutritional value. They simply want to fill their family's stomachs to stop the hunger.

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Unity for selfish ends

A POOR REPRISE OF THEIR 2005 thumbs-up photo in the Palace, the three stooges, namely, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, Speaker Jose de Venecia and former President Fidel Ramos again displayed their so-called united stand for the country's sake. (INQUIRER, 11/7/07) Whom are they going to fool?

It is clear that they are uniting simply to save one another's skin: Ms Arroyo from a strong and credible impeachment complaint; De Venecia to keep the speakership; and Ramos, his remaining political influence.

A clear case of the three of them needing each other for their individual political survival. The question now is how long could such "alliance" hold together considering that each of them has his/her own interest. But definitely it is not the country's.

The so-called show of unity within the ruling coalition is nothing but a desperate move initiated by the Palace to maintain whatever hold Ms Arroyo has on the presidency. It is clear that for her survival, she will negotiate with anybody, just like what she did with former President Joseph Estrada.

Maypagasa dares our congressmen to use their conscience and not allow themselves to be carried away by this latest Palace gimmick. It's important that Ms Arroyo should be held accountable.

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Why publish sensitive photos?

WHY DID THE INQUIRER HAVE to publish the photos of the last moments of former Sen. Rene Saguisag's wife? I am not a journalist. I have never written for a newspaper. But I feel it was very irresponsible for the INQUIRER to publish those photos. I found the photos distressing. I feel for the relatives of the victims whose rights may have been violated by the newspaper.

The photos were very sensitive, something that even called for parental guidance. It should have been only for the consumption of the family and relatives of the victims. I have seen similar headlines in other newspapers like The Manila Bulletin and The Philippine Star. There were only photos of the wreckage and file photos of the victims.

I can't remember any newspaper showing the dead bodies of Princess Diana and her companion when they died in Paris 10 years ago. Only the badly damaged car. All these facts I am sure the INQUIRER knows. The INQUIRER is one of the country's leading newspapers. How could it be so irresponsible?

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The photos were exclusive to the INQUIRER. You found their use offensive. Please accept our apologies.—Ed.

LTO improperly issuing licenses

I AM IN SYMPATHY WITH THE Saguisag family over the death of Dulce Saguisag. It is most unfortunate that it could have been caused by someone who might have disregarded traffic rules.

I like to point out the practice of many officials of the Land Transportation Office who facilitate the issuance of driver's licenses to people without requiring them to first undergo and pass the tests on driving. It is a fact that most drivers in the Philippines do not take any driving test before a license is issued to them.

Many Filipinos pride themselves as good drivers which is not true. Many of my relatives in California who have a Philippine driver's license cannot pass the required tests for a California driver's license.

The LTO should change its ways. Before issuing anybody a driver's license, it should require him or her to pass the required tests on driving.

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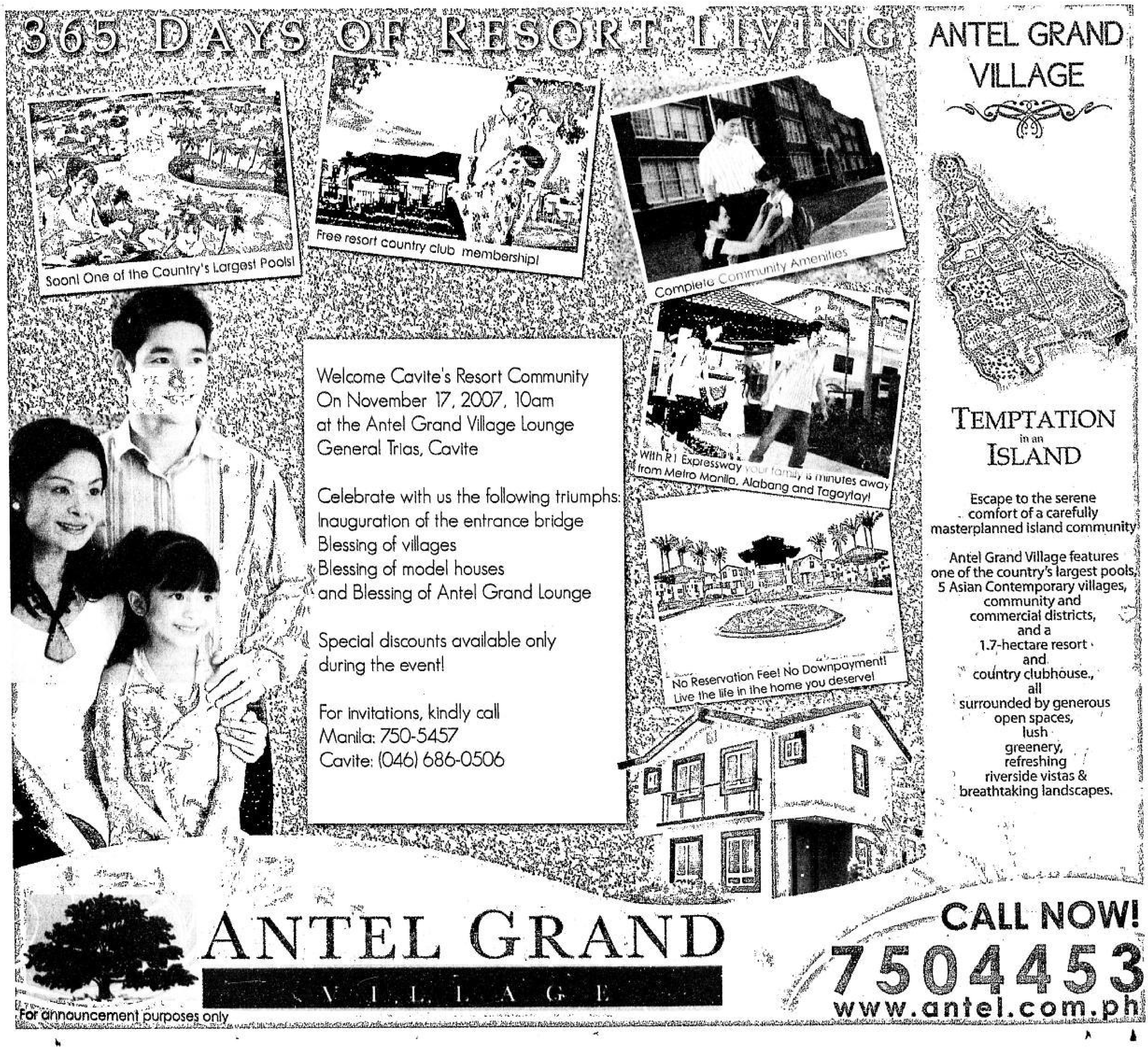
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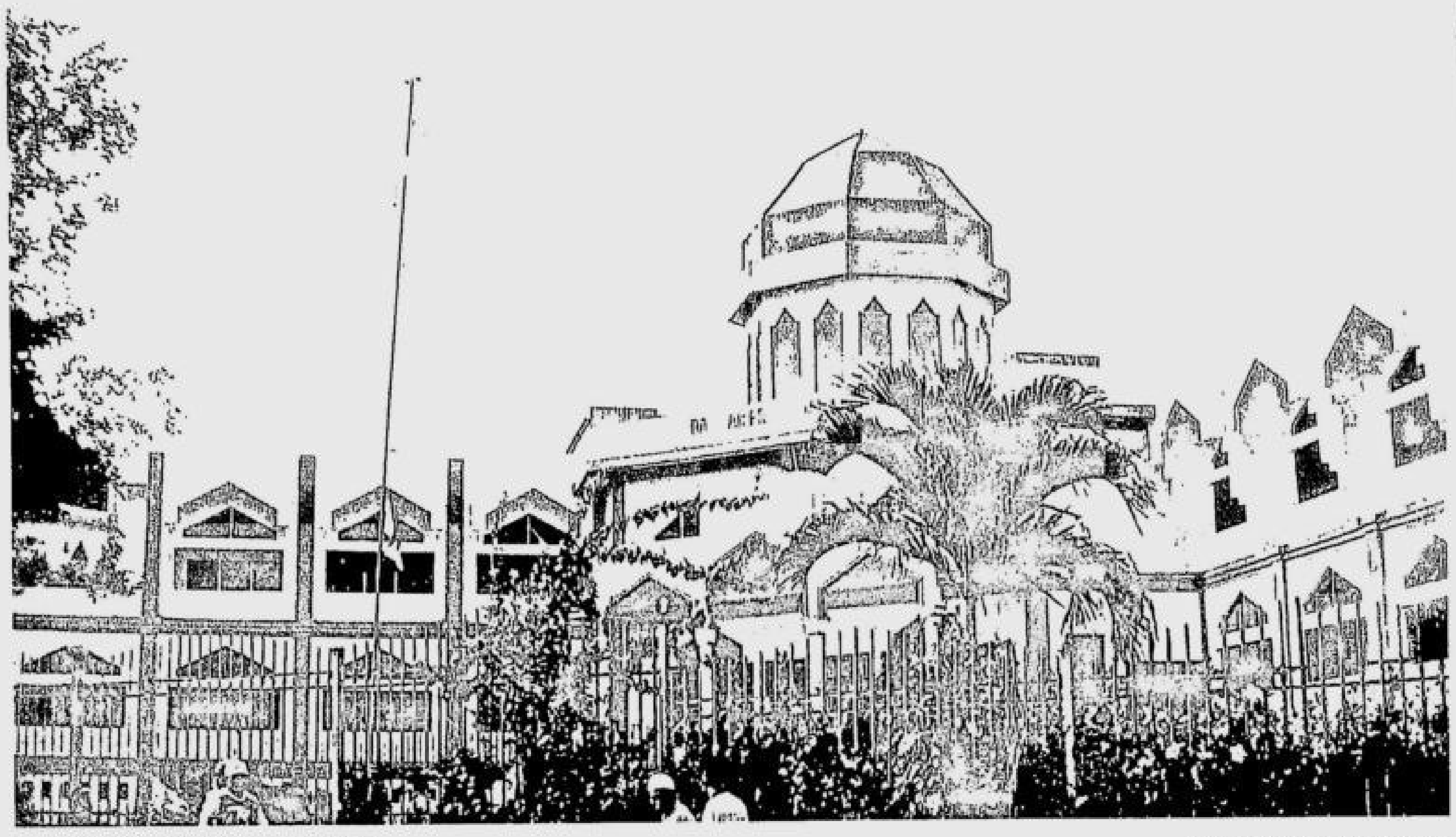

BASILAN SAYS GOODBYE

JULIE ALIPALA/INQUIRER MINDANAO

A Philippine flag flies half-staff and a streamer hangs from the Basilan provincial capitol building as the slain Rep. Wahab Akbar is brought to his grave in the capital city of Isabela.

SORSOGON CITY—THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY has increased the prices of government rice being sold to the poor in Bicol shortly after prices of other basic products and services also increased.

In a memorandum dated Nov. 5 but was received here only on Nov. 12, NFA Administrator Jesus Navarro directed NFA directors and managers to increase by P12.50 per bag the wholesale price of NFA rice effective Nov. 12.

From P825 per bag, government rice would now be sold at a wholesale price of P837.50 per bag to Bigasang Bayan outlets and other markets, and Tindahan Natin operators.

The retail price per kg of NFA rice would also increase by 25 centavos per kg from P18 to P18.25

Navarro did not explain the reason for the increase in his memorandum.

NFA Assistant General Manager Helen Borlagdan said NFA personnel in Bicol were not also informed of the reason as only the memorandum setting the new selling price was sent to them.

Adrian Sarip, president of the Grains Retailers Confederation here, said retailers were not alarmed by the increase since it was still minimal and reasonable, considering the fact that it had been quite sometime since the last time NFA increased its price.

"The consumers won't be hurt by the price," he said.

Borlagdan said that since last month, the NFA had also increased its palay support price, or the government's buying price for palay.

Based on a separate memorandum signed by Navarro, the new buying price for palay is P11 per kg from the previous P10.

A 25-centavo drying and delivery incentive fee per kg would also be given to individual farmers and 50 centavos for farmer's cooperatives who will sell their harvest to the NFA.

Bobby Labalan, Inquirer Southern Luzon

Army says sorry for gun party on island

By Carla P. Gomez
Inquirer Visayas

BACOLOD CITY—THE ARMY has apologized for the alarm brought by soldiers who fired their guns on Pitogo Island in Hinobaan town.

Col. Honorato delos Reyes, 303rd Infantry Brigade commander, said on Monday that the apology was made on Nov. 12.

"Our initial investigation shows that the Army soldiers who were in uniform were invited to Pitogo Island by its owner and had no intention of making people panic or causing fear," Delos Reyes said.

He added that based on an investigation, no indiscriminate firing took place.

Delos Reyes explained that the 13 soldiers were just testing their rifles "to perfect their hits."

They sought permission from the owner, Jeanette Tongoy and family, who agreed to have them aim their guns on the island, he said.

Delos Reyes said he and Lt. Col. Romeo Basco, 61st Infantry Battalion commander, apologized to sugar leader Manuel Lamata, who accepted it.

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8:00AM Opening & Viewing of Trade Exhibits
Ribbon Cutting. Heidi M. Koenig, MD
AM SESSION NEW CONCEPTS
9:00 – 9:45 AM "Seeing is Believing" Ultrasound Imaging for Regional Anesthesia
By: Cha Young Kim, RDMS
9:45 – 10:30 AM Reversal of Neuromuscular Blockade in Day Case Surgery
By: Florian R. Nuevo, MD
10:30 – 11:30AM Opening Ceremonies
Keynote Speaker: Hon. Francisco T. Duque III Department of Health
12:00-1:30 PM Satellite Luncheon Symposia
Topic 1: LMA for Ambulatory Anesthesia
By: Raymond Goy, MD
Topic 2: Can the Choice of Fluid Improve Surgical Outcome?
By: Prof. Michael James, MD
Topic 3: Sedation for Ambulatory Surgery: Is There a Role for Dexmedetomidine?
By: Heidi M. Koenig, MD
PM SESSION
1:45-2:30 PM Target Controlled Infusion for Ambulatory Surgery
By: Fidel C. Payawal, MD
POINT COUNTER POINT
2:30-3:15 PM Supra-glottic Device vs Endotracheal Intubation
Panelists: Loreto A. Felizar, MD and Ricardo F. De Castro, MD
MEET THE EXPERTS
3:15-4:15 PM Anesthesia Technique for Hernia Repair, Hemorrhoidectomy and ACL Repair: What Is Best?
Panelists: Benjamin Daniel S. Valera, MD & Benjamin M. Rigor, MD
4:15-5:15 PM Patient on Low Dose Aspirin, NSAIDs or Coxib, what shall I do?
Panelists: Florian R. Nuevo, MD & Ludivino G. De Guzman, MD
6:00 PM Quintin Gomez Awards Night
ROMARICO D. SUAREZ, MD (20th Quintin J. Gomez Awardee)

Fellowship Night
Induction of new Officers & members of the Board of Directors
Presentation of Most Outstanding Chapter

November 18, 2007 (Sunday)
7:00 AM REGISTRATION
7:00-8:00 AM HOLY MASS by: Rev. Fr. Emigdio Paredes
AM SESSION SPECIALTY LECTURES
8:30-9:15 AM Procedural Sedation for Anesthesia & Analgesia (PSAA) New Sedation Guidelines
By: Joy E. Luat-Inciong, MD
9:15-10:00 AM Office-Based Anesthesia: Nip and Tuck
By: John Lyndon M. Toledo, MD
10:00-10:45 AM Dental Procedures: The Special Child and Difficult Adult
By: Heidi M. Koenig, MD
10:45-11:45 AM PSCVA SPECIAL SYMPOSIUM
Topic: Hypertonic Sodium Lactate- A New Paradigm in Critical Care
By: Prof. Xavier Leverve, MD, PhD
11:45 AM -2:00 PM GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
PM SESSION MEET THE EXPERTS
2:00-2:45 PM Patient Selection, Risk Stratification for Day Case Surgery
Panelists: Merle F. Dela Cruz-Odi, MD & Ma. Vivian M. Delos Santos, MD
3:00-3:45 PM Fast-Tracking (Discharge Criteria for Day Case Surgery)
Panelists: Benjamin M. Rigor, MD & Elena B. Realubit, MD.
AT THE CROSSROADS
4:00-4:45 PM Setting up an Outpatient Anesthesia Facility
Panelists: Benjamin M. Rigor, MD & Nilo C. Delos Santos, MD
5:00 PM Closing Ceremonies
6:00 PM Chapter & Affiliate Society Delegates' Meeting

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Warmest greetings to the officers and members of the Philippine Society of Anesthesiologists as you hold your 40th Annual Convention.
Your theme, "Ambulatory Anesthesia – Sleep and Go," shows your readiness to update your members on new trends and approaches in anesthesiology. Through this convention, I hope that you will be able to provide our Filipino anesthesiologists with advance medical knowledge and skills that will further give them a competitive edge among their peers in other parts of the world.
I mentioned in my State of the Nation Address in July this year that the government will invest in programs that would further advance health and education as they are vital to our socio-economic development. Join me in this journey as you have always proved to be a reliable partner of government all these years.
May this convention be blessed with much success. Mabuhay!
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Secretary of Health
Warmest greetings to the officers and members of the Philippine Society of Anesthesiologists as they hold their 40th Annual Convention with the theme, "Ambulatory Anesthesia – Sleep and Go".
Providing significant improvements in medical treatments greatly contributes to the advancement of our country's health care as it stimulates attitudes in creating innovations and ideas that are essential in advancing research and clinical practice.
Through collaborative efforts and the establishment of a unified direction for anesthesiology, we can achieve sustainable progress and development and empower our health care professionals to further enhance our health care services and eventually lead our nation towards greater progress and prosperity.
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Congratulations to the Philippine Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc in the holding of its 40th Annual Convention set on November 17 - 18, 2007 at the Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila.
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Mabuhay and I love you all!
JOSE ASA SABILI, M.D.

President of Philippine Society of Anesthesiologists
The Philippine Society of Anesthesiologists Inc. through the incumbent officers and members of the Board of directors wish to express our warmest greetings to all delegates to the 40th Annual Convention of the Philippine Society of Anesthesiologists. The theme for this year is most appropriate: "Ambulatory Anesthesia: Sleep and Go". The specialty is getting better that patients can go home the soonest possible post surgery.
The team of Dr. Theresa Alcantara has nothing to prove anymore. It is a given knowledge that they can work wonders out of something. The topics are attuned to the tremendous change and progress that comes to our specialty. From new concepts to the latest gadgets, to new promising pharmaceutical agents – this will definitely be an exciting convention ahead.
May I take this opportunity to extend my sincerest thanks to all of you who have collaborated to sustain our society into what it is now. Also, to all our members who have been faithfully patronizing our activities most especially this annual convention which as we promised in the past, will shine by itself and continue to keep the light shining to maintain PSA's glory as a formidable specialty society.
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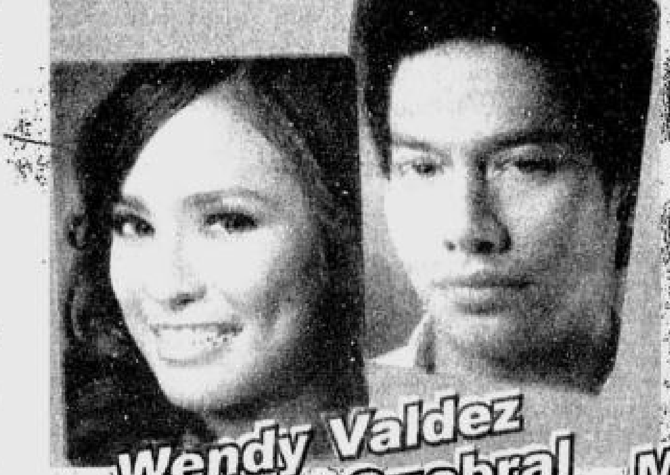
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GMA order: Open SCTEx, interchanges on time

SMALLEST VILLAGE TONETTE T. OREJAS/INQUIRER CENTRAL LUZON
Two farmers keep watch over palay being dried in Barangay Concepcion, the country's smallest village in terms of population based on a 2000 census, as 13 other voters in the lahar-buried village of Bacolor, Pampanga cast their votes in the recent barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections.

CLARK FREEPORT—PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-Arroyo has given top officials of the Bases Conversion Development Authority the "marching orders" to finish three additional interchanges of the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway in Pampanga in time for the opening of the 94-km tollway in March 2008.

"That's the marching orders to them—to work double time," Relly Fajardo, presidential adviser for Central Luzon, told the INQUIRER on Wednesday.

"The instruction of the President is for them to finish all three interchanges in March 2008, which is the schedule of the opening of the SCTEx," Fajardo said.

Doable

"*Kaya* (It is doable)," she said of the remaining four months to complete the interchanges prior to the revised opening schedule of the P27-billion national flagship project.

The original schedule was to open the 50.5-km Subic-Clark segment this month and the 43.27-km Clark-Tarlac section in August.

While the Japanese contractor of the Clark-Tarlac portion rushed to beat the deadline with claims for "acceleration cost," its counterpart in the Subic-Clark section was given an extension of four months, without any penalty, to cope with delay due largely to the road's right-of-way problem.

The plan to build three Pampanga interchanges, cancelled some years back due to lack of funds, was ordered restored by Ms Arroyo on Nov. 6 to increase access to the Subic and Clark freeports and Luisita Industrial Park in Tarlac City. These economic zones are what the SCTEx are linking by an hour of travel time.

Ms Arroyo moved to restore the original plan as officials of local governments, the BCDA and the Subic-Clark Alliance for Development Council argued on where to locate the site of only one interchange that she approved in August.

2 other sites

Should there be hitches in the additional work, Fajardo said the BCDA would consider the construction of an interchange inside Clark as the "priority."

The two others are located near the Basa Air Base of the Philippine Air Force in Floridablanca and in Barangay Dolores in Porac.

Asked if the deadline for interchanges could be met, Narciso Abaya, BCDA president and chief executive officer, said on Thursday: "*Puwede siguro… sa tingin ko,* very close (Perhaps we can… I think, the chances are very close)."

"I just talked to the President a while ago and I told her that if there's delay, this would not interfere with the opening of (the Subic-Clark and Clark-Tarlac portions) because the underpasses are already in place," Abaya said in a phone interview.

Tonette Orejas, Inquirer Central Luzon

NEWSBRIEFS

Tacloban to build new airport

TACLOBAN CITY—The city plans to build next year a new Daniel Z. Romualdez (DZR) airport terminal through a build-operate-transfer (BOT) scheme.

"The income of Tacloban can support a project like this," Mayor Alfred Romualdez said of the project estimated to cost P300 million to P350 million.

Romualdez said the city would get a share of terminal fees to recover its expenses in constructing the facility.

A project proposal, including the design of the terminal building, was presented to President Macapagal-Arroyo during her visit to the city on Friday.

Leyte Rep. Martin Romualdez, a cousin of the mayor, said the national government has also set aside P500 million for the airport upgrading under the General Appropriations Act.

Ven Labro, Inquirer Visayas

Twins drown in deep well

TAGBILARAN CITY—Twin brothers, aged one year and 11 months, died after they drowned in a deep well Nov. 12 in Barangay San Isidro, Pillar town, Bohol.

Twins Justin and Jansen Mauna would have celebrated their second birthdays next month.

Martin Mauna, the father of the twins, said he and his wife have to work at their farm so they left Justin and Jansen in the care of his 10-year-old son, John Philip.

The victims' father said John Philip failed to notice that his twin brothers had left their house while the older boy was watching television.

The twins might have walked to the family-owned deep well just a few meters from the house, he added.

Responding policemen from Pillar town said the twins were found embracing each other while floating lifeless in the deep well.

The well was around 10 meters deep and was almost filled with water due to the recent heavy rains, according to the police.

Nearby residents reportedly heard the twins crying but never thought that they fell into the well, which has no cover.

Kit Baguio, Inquirer Visayas

Manhunt on for killer of woman

CAMP VICENTE LIM, Laguna—Police have launched manhunt operations against unidentified men who raped and strangled an 82-year-old woman after ransacking her house in Rosario, Cavite over the weekend.

Cavite police director Senior Supt. Fidel Posadas said he has ordered the Rosario police station to immediately solve the assault on Edad Ocampo, who was found dead by her relatives inside her house in Barangay Silangan Uno last Sunday morning.

Posadas said investigators were looking at robbery as the primary motive in the killing.

"The victim's relatives said a still undetermined amount of money was missing. They said the money will be used for the renovation of the old woman's bungalow house," he said.

Posadas said Francisco Abueg, the victim's brother, found Ocampo's body in her bed at around 8 a.m. Sunday.

Marlon Ramos, Inquirer Southern Luzon

'Arroz caldo' downs 39 Abra students

BAGUIO CITY—Thirty-nine students of Abra National High School in Bangued, Abra, suffered diarrhea, abdominal pain and nausea after eating *arroz caldo* (chicken porridge) on Nov. 12.

Nineteen students were brought to the Abra Provincial Hospital while the rest were sent home, Dr. Myrna Cabotaje, regional health director, said.

"Based on the analysis by our local health unit, the students suffered from food poisoning," Cabotaje said.

She said the students ate *arroz caldo* for their morning break. After two to four hours, the students started to vomit and complained of nausea and abdominal pain, she said.

Desiree Caluza, Inquirer Northern Luzon

Open house for retreat center

THE BRAHMA Kumaris Center for Spiritual Learning (CSL) in Tagaytay City will celebrate its 5th founding anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 18 by holding an open house.

From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the CSL at 1020 Magallanes Drive, will treat visitors to games, video showings, vegetarian cuisine and meditation sessions. The public is invited.

CSL is run by the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, a global nongovernment organization that offers meditation courses and spiritual programs. For inquiries, call (02)890-7960, (046)860-2257, (046)4132128 and (02)9229231.

7 Sayyaf men sent to jail in Palawan

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—Seven suspected members of the Abu Sayyaf Group were flown in from Zamboanga City and would be sent to the Palawan Provincial Jail as they face trial for a murder case, the Western Command announced.

Blindfolded and under heavy security, the suspects were brought to the sala of RTC Judge Chito Meregillano, who ordered them sent to the Palawan jail.

The suspects were arrested in September in southern Palawan.

Western Command spokesperson Lt. Col. Jacinto de Vera said the suspects had admitted to the killing of one of their comrades.

De Vera said authorities have two witnesses who would testify that the suspects killed a certain Jamaal Bairula, alias Khalid Walid.

The Western Command identified six of the suspected ASG members as Abu Daizer, alias Daizer Yusof; Jemar Alfa, alias Abu Jaafar/Jemaar; Moadz Jala, alias Abu Moadz; Abdulla Abduraham, alias Abdullah; Omar Ibnu Jakarain alias Abu Mogera; and Najer Daud, alias Ben Saif Daud.

The seventh suspect, Yusop Hapipudin alias Abu Islam was arrested in Mapun, Tawi-Tawi.

Western Command chief, Commodore Ruperto Rico Borromeo, earlier declared that the ASG Palawan cell had been completely wiped out following the arrest of the suspects.

Asked if the detention of the ASG suspects in Palawan could open the province to terror attacks, De Vera said the military has "contingency measures" put in place. *Redempto Anda, Inquirer Southern Luzon*

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2 mining activists detained

LEGAZPI CITY—TWO PROTESTERS WERE detained and interrogated for an hour by policemen at around 3 p.m. on Wednesday during the dispersal of a 200-strong rally in front of the municipal hall in Barangay Poblacion of the island-municipality of Rapu-Rapu.

The rally, held simultaneously with the Sangguniang Bayan regular session, called for the closure of Lafayette Mining Ltd. of Australia, which residents alleged to have caused a recent fishkill.

Sagip Isla, Sagip Kapwa (SISK) spokesperson Antonio Casitas and Bicol Express correspondent Stephen Prestado, a student who was documenting the protest, were arrested and accused of organizing the assembly.

They were released through the intercession of Councilor Eric dela Cruz and Poblacion barangay chair Merly Parado.

In a phone interview, Casitas quoted police as saying the rally was broken up for having no permit.

Tessa Lopez, spokesperson of the Bagong Alyansang Makabansa (Bayan)-Bikol, said the mayor refused to issue a permit, but the protesters still proceeded with the rally.

Prestado said the dispersal unit brought guns, which he described as a sign of intimidation and unnecessary force.

Casitas said the protesters would continue to picket the municipal office and urge the officials to take a definite position against Lafayette and the fishkill.

On Wednesday, the municipal government said a committee was being formed to investigate the fishkill, Lopez said.

This was the third protest action organized by the SISK against Lafayette.

Jaymee T. Gamil, Inquirer Southern Luzon

BFAR says cyanide levels 'tolerable'

LEGAZPI CITY—CYANIDE LEVELS IN THE island town of Rapu-Rapu in Albay were found to be "tolerable" and "had no effect on marine life," according to the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.

It said test results were supposed to be key to determining the cause of the fishkill reported on Oct. 28 by groups blaming the mining operations of Lafayette Philippines Inc. for a recent fishkill.

LPI runs a 180-hectare open-pit copper and zinc mine occupying almost 80 percent of the island town of Rapu-Rapu, east of this city.

Bert Borbe, fisheries and resource management division chief of BFAR-Bicol, however, clarified that the agency could not clear the Australian-owned mining company of any involvement in the fishkill.

The BFAR team deployed to Rapu-Rapu gathered fish and water samples in the area on Oct. 30, two days after the fishkill was reported.

Borbe said the samples, upon reaching the BFAR central office in Manila, were already decaying and were no longer fit for analysis.

Only water samples were tested for cyanide and mercury, he said.

Borbe said the BFAR had not yet established the cause of the fishkill so it was proposing more tests.

"We need to conduct deeper underwater analysis, but it's something we cannot conduct outright due to financial constraints," Borbe said in a mobile phone interview.

He said more advanced tests were needed to find out possible contaminants on the sand, stone and other elements from the sea floor. *Ephraim Aguilar, Inquirer Southern Luzon*

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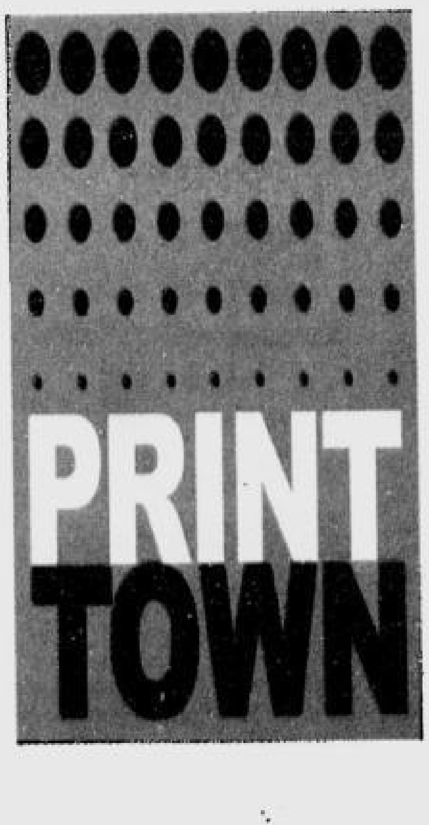

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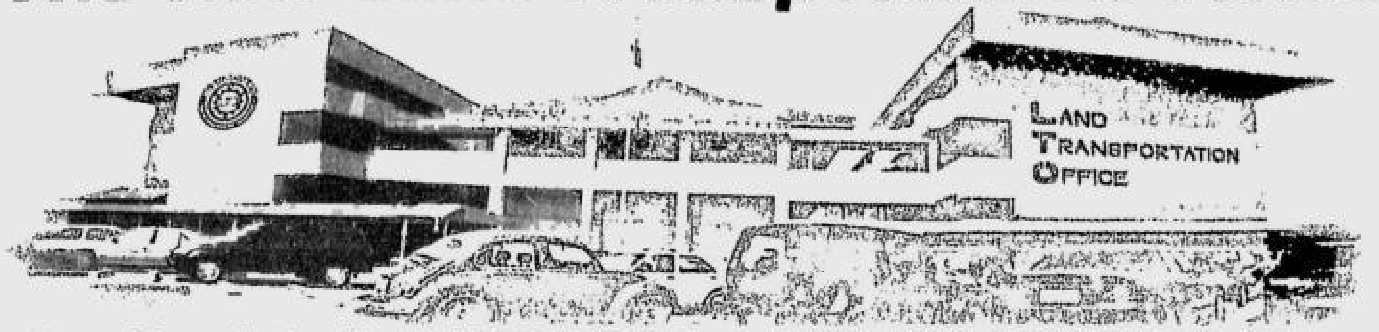

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Assec. Reynaldo Berroya; Defying the Odds to Achieve Modernization

Assistant Secretary and Land Transportation Office Chief Reynaldo Berroya

An odd year ago and much too many a surprise, Assistant Secretary Rey Berroya was appointed head of the Land Transportation Office (LTO). A lot of eyebrows were raised questioning the appointment of yet another general into an office which requires a more corporate management profile, however, little did anybody know that this general was perhaps the best person to run the LTO and institute much needed reforms.

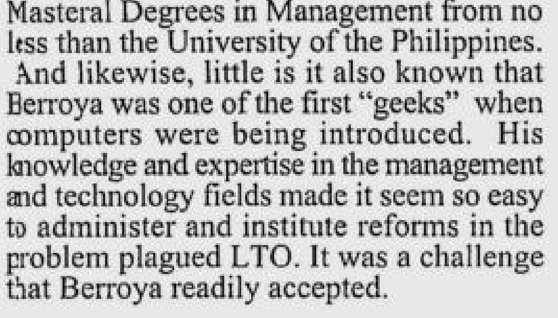
The reputation of Berroya as a swashbuckling Philippine Constabulary officer precedes him. His 49 service medals and 16 badges firmly sets his imprimatur in the military arena , but what is not known is that " Rey " Berroya as he is fondly called by his friends is multi faceted, meaning that he can switch from being a soldier to administrator and manager at a moments notice .

During his younger days and in between combat tours, Rey Berroya finished Masteral Degrees in Management from no less than the University of the Philippines. And likewise, little is it also known that Berroya was one of the first "geeks" when computers were being introduced. His knowledge and expertise in the management and technology fields made it seem so easy to administer and institute reforms in the problem plagued LTO. It was a challenge that Berroya readily accepted.

Defying the odds of mediocrity and complacence, Assec. Reynaldo Berroya took on the challenge of implementing radical reform programs which he mapped out to accomplish before the year 2007 ends.

With his high regard on computerization, innovative reform programs and hands-on management style, Berroya unveiled his relentless pursuit of excellence in accomplishing the government's modernization programs for the land transport industry. From the time he took the helm of LTO on November 2006, his accomplishments reflect significant progress in law enforcement, road safety, good governance, and a balanced budget.

In the furiously paced techno world of the 21st century, where lifestyles demand speed, convenience, and efficiency, Berroya heads an office that is the first in the Philippines to computerize its entire nationwide system and link some 200 LTO offices nationwide. The resulting interconnectivity is a welcome setup that provides real-time, online LTO service to the Filipino. Speed and effectiveness are important to this retired military man, who as mentioned is also a self-confessed computer geek, a facet of himself developed as early as the 70s, as a young military officer posted to study computer technology. Result: a military man with a high regard for the many good uses of technology.



The office of the LTO chief is always open to the public: *Photo shows Assec. Berroya in dialogue with transport group leaders to thresh out legitimate concerns on issues concerning the public utility vehicle sector*

His management style is reflective of what his staff say about him. According to them, the LTO chief abhors papers that stay on his desk for more than one day. He takes time to listen to grievances and acts on complaints immediately. He is also famous for taking on challenges which border on impossibility and against all odds. According to other LTO employees, their new boss chooses a decidedly hands-on management style, which as observers notice trickles down with marvelous results.

During a one year period, Berroya has instituted numerous and remarkable reforms and innovative projects which goes unmatched by any of his predecessors. Under his stewardship, the LTO increased the number of Drivers License Renewal Centers (DLRC's), the LTO launched the E-Patrol, the agency likewise launched and implemented the Traffic Violation System or TVS, the Balik Rehistro Program, the Private Emission Testing Center (PETC), and most recently the LTO Web Portal and Info Text facility.

Berroya, is also very serious about the ongoing implementation of the ISO 9001:2000 Quality Management System for driver's license processing. The said system, the international Geneva – based management standard by which systems are vetted and certified, granted the LTO licensing a quality nod as early as April 2005. A standard Berroya has every intention of keeping through sustained quality control.

Traffic enforcers of the LTO undergo extensive training to prepare them in all aspects of traffic law enforcement and road safety

The LTO Chief has also programmed and implemented a series of safe motorcycle riding training courses for LTO law enforcers all over the country. An activity rather close to his heart, because one of Berroya's preferred down time activities is to get on his motor bike and just ride, a la Zen. Riding his big bike is a time that he cherishes, as this is his only time to think and ponder and "smell the Roses" along the way.

Still, there is more to come with the LTO, Berroya believes that bridging the public and the LTO can be done by bringing the LTO to the people. Hence, the LTO along with its business partners are continuously finding ways to improve its service which the public so deserves.

From the time he took the helm of LTO on November 2006, the accomplishments of the LTO echo significant progress in law enforcement, road safety, good governance, and a balanced budget. All these under the helm of the man who is more than the officer and gentleman but also a manager who is a creature of technology and order.

The adjective multi-faceted could be an understatement in the real context of the word in describing Assec. Reynaldo I Berroya, a man of steel character and full of surprises.

The Land Transportation Office Year Highlights

In a noteworthy span of one year , the Land Transportation Office (LTO) has instituted reforms to effect **good governance, a balanced budget, and road safety**. The impact of these reforms on the public is quite immediate. For instance, the LTO can really claim that it has totally eradicated the presence of so called fixers in the LTO offices nationwide.. In another case in point , the LTO has overshot its performance targets for the first three quarters of the current year, 2007. These are but the tip of the iceberg for the astonishing feats that the LTO has achieved in a short period of one year under the guidance and supervision of Assistant Secretary and LTO Chief Reynaldo Berroya.

Since November of 2006, the LTO has instituted milestones unmatched by any other LTO administrator

In revenue alone, the LTO under has collected a total of P5,911,009,594.00 (close to P6B) from January to June of this year. This figure is P145,027,504.00 more than the LTO's projected target, based on the agency's December, 2006 collection figures.

The number of motor vehicle transactions handled on the other hand in the first half of this year stands at 5,029,746, which is again more than the expected figure of 4,750,400. The number of vehicles registered for the same period – 3,150,418 – is 7,168 more than target.

For the same period the number of licenses and permits issued is 2,056,616 which is an increase of 52,466, and the number of license and permits cases handled ballooned to 2,895,863 , an surge of 27,863.

Bringing the LTO to the grassroots is one of the battle cries of the transport agency as it fields new E-patrol buses to deliver basic LTO services to the people

Law enforcement also got a boost , with the number of apprehensions up by more than five percent, and still rising.

The increased efficiency in LTO service delivery is perhaps reflective of its computerized, interconnectivity upgrades.

From the point that Berroya assumed leadership of the LTO, the transport office has added to the number of DLRCs in operation as well as increased the number of field offices. DLRCs now number 16 nationwide, to include those in Metro Manila, Pampanga, Cebu, Iloilo and Davao and field offices where driver's licenses can be processed in one day now include those in San Fernando, La Union; Tacloban City, Cagayan de Oro City, Gumaca, Binangonan and Cainta.

The LTO has also launched more of the agency's milestone projects, to wit:

The LTO's **Traffic Violation System**, or TVS. This interconnectivity enables LTO apprehending traffic enforcers equipped with wireless, mobile handheld devices to access the LTO database even while they are on the field. Hence, available data on motorists and motor vehicles is available to enforcers real-time and online.

The **Private Emission Testing Center (PETC) Interconnectivity Project**, whereby LTO - accredited PETCs nationwide are linked to the LTO-IT system, online, realtime, thus, enabling data verification and authentication of emission test results which is a pre-requisite to vehicle registration. This project, initially centralized, now involves regional composite teams led by the LTO, with representatives from cooperating agencies. The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and the Technical Skills and Development Authority (TESDA). Monitoring of PETCs are now decentralized, wherein recommendations for suspension of erring ones are now emanating from the regional monitoring teams.

Lead by example is the motto of Assec. Berroya as he personally spearheads the drive against colorum and unregistered vehicles using the latest high tech gadgets being used in the Traffic Violation System of the LTO

Oplan Balik – Rehistro, the LTO's flagship project for 2007, was launched in December, 2006. This project seeks to effect the registration of unregistered vehicles through extensive information dissemination, massive law enforcement, and accessible public service.

In the same month, Berroya authorized the full implementation of the LTO's then eight – month – old **E-patrol Project**. This project innovates public service by literally bringing the LTO services closer to the public with roving vans that are essentially LTO offices on wheels. To date, LTO boasts of eight (8) LTO E-Patrol deployed all over the Philippines which provides LTO services to clients in far flung areas.

Also launched in December of last year was **"Oplan Isnabero"**, a project that addresses the irksome presence of taxi drivers who refuse to convey passengers to their destinations and/or dictate exorbitant taxi fares, rather than using their meters. This particular LTO project is, finally, an answer to the ignorance and arrogance of those in the Public Utility Vehicle (PUV) industry who forget what the "P" in PUV stands for, precisely, "Public".

Most recently, the LTO implemented the **LTO Web Portal** which allows members to retrieve records from the LTO-IT system database via the internet. This facility will enable clients to conveniently verify the authenticity of information pertaining to motor vehicles using plate numbers and / or engine and chassis numbers , driver's license records with license number, name and / or birth date as search criteria. Banks and other financing institutions are just some of the customers for which this service is designed.

The **LTO INFO-TEXT** facility on the other hand provides the motoring public an avenue to access information regarding LTO procedures and document requirements through SMS. Simple and easy to understand text parameters shall be relayed to the public to make their LTO texting experience an easy and hassle free one.

Programmed for implementation by the LTO very soon is a online drug testing program, similar to the PETC Interconnectivity Project, this project would ensure the eradication of fake drug test results by authenticating and verifying the drug test results issued by all accredited drug testing centers and cascading the same to all LTO Offices nationwide, online, realtime. Another enhancement planned by LTO is the **Radio Frequency Identification** (RFID). The RFID would revolutionalize vehicle identification thereby enhancing law enforcement capability of not only the LTO but other government agencies as well.

Today the LTO leads the pack in being the model government agency because of a visional and graft free leadership whose only purpose is to strive to deliver its services to the public of which Assec. Reynaldo Berroya and the whole

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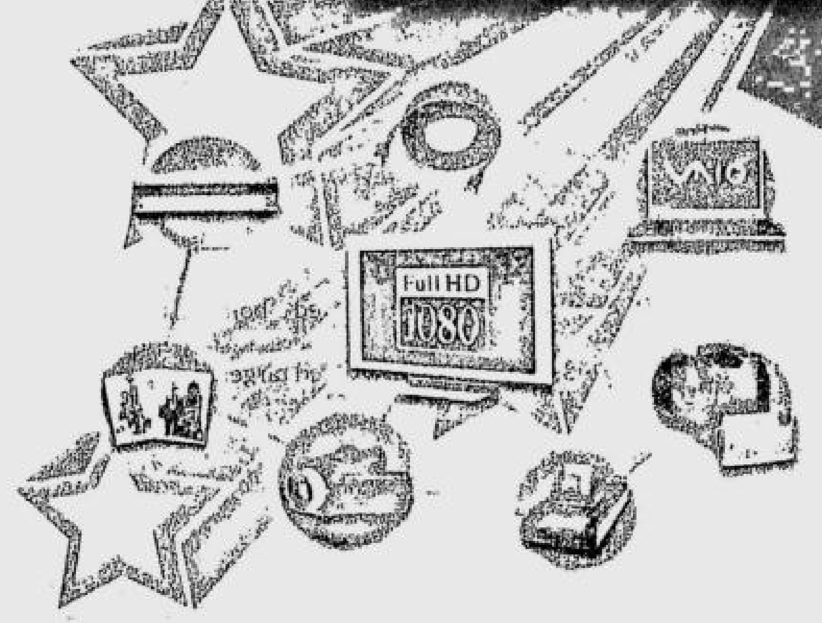

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Social workers deployed to conduct stress debriefing

By TJ Burgonio

SOCIAL WORKERS HAVE BEEN deployed around Metro Manila to conduct critical stress debriefing on survivors of Tuesday's bomb attack at the House of Representatives.

"Immediately that night, social workers went to see what they could do, like stress debriefing, to ease the trauma of the victims and their families," Social Welfare Secretary Esperanza Cabral said in an interview.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development provides stress debriefing to victims of disasters, their immediate family and close relatives on top of financial assistance.

Traumatized victims

Disaster teams, including stress debriefers, are on stand-by every day to respond to disasters. A team is usually composed of a social worker, medical personnel and a psychologist.

Social worker Susan Nuyles said she debriefed a 33-year-old man who was traumatized when the explosion ripped through the south wing of the Batasan complex before his eyes. He was then waiting for his wife, a House staff member.

The victim, a person with a disability, lost his hearing and felt dizzy in the aftermath of the blast and was brought to the Philippine Heart Center for treatment. He was discharged the following day.

"He was traumatized; he didn't want to go out and go to work. But I let him talk about his experience. In the end, he felt relieved. I think he's fine now," Nuyles, 32, said in an interview by phone.

No figure was available on the number of victims so far treated.

Ina Healing Center

During stress debriefing, the social workers coax individuals into talking about their experiences, and help them process it to ease the trauma.

If their assessment shows that the subject needs more debriefing, the social workers would recommend him or her to a series of counseling sessions at the Ina Healing Center, staffed by social workers and founded by Gina de Venecia, wife of Speaker Jose de Venecia.

"We will recommend this to facilitate their easy recovery from trauma," Nuyles said.

House visits

According to Cabral, her department will also offer stress debriefing to the families and close relatives of the victims of the blast.

Social workers usually look up the names and addresses of victims of disasters in the logbooks of hospitals, and visit them at home after they have been discharged.

"This will last until all victims are debriefed. But not everyone is subjected to debriefing. It will all depend on the assessment of a social worker if a person needs debriefing," social welfare officer Joel Barbosa said.

Bomb-sniffing dogs deployed at Senate, House to 'foil future attacks'

By Christine O. Avendaño

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO has ordered the deployment of bomb-sniffing dogs at the Senate and House of Representatives as part of a series of measures to prevent attacks against lawmakers.

Speaking before the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas (KBP) at Clark Field, Pampanga, Ms Arroyo said the P5million reward she announced for information leading to the perpetrators of Tuesday's bombing at the Batasan would be used to "foil future attacks."

"Tips on illegal explosives," the President said, would be rewarded from the fund.

She said she had instructed Budget Secretary Rolando Andaya to "boost intelligence spending for operations."

She also said she had ordered Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno to "permanently assign bomb-sniffing dogs in the Batasan and in the Senate."

Ms Arroyo said she had instructed the Presidential Legislative Liaison Office to "identify and secure possible assassin targets in Congress."

"The KBP should do the same for the media," she said. "You must figure out who are the possible targets for media killings so that we can take special care of them."

She urged the KBP to join a task force she proposed to set up to prevent and prosecute political violence.

Heinous crime

Ms Arroyo also called on Congress to pass a law that would make illegal possession of explosives a nonbailable "heinous crime" punishable by life imprisonment.

The President said she had asked the National Security Council Executive Committee to assess the security situation and institute immediate measures to address any threats.

"Please convey our message to our people and our friends here and abroad that the Philippines and your government shall not rest until we get to the bottom of this tragedy and hunt down and punish the perpetrators," she said.

On Wednesday, the House ordered the dismantling of a trade fair on the Batasan ground as part of measures to tighten security for congressmen. The fair has been an annual employees' Christmas project since 2001.

With a report from Norman Bordadora

THE SENATE, TOO: Philippine Air Force personnel check out the venue of the Senate hearing on the cash distribution at the Palace. President Arroyo has ordered the release of more funding for intel operations and assigned permanent bomb-sniffing dogs to the two houses of Congress. EDWIN BACASMAS

3 suspected Abus linked to bombing killed in Payatas

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"The suspect is not an employee in my office. I do not even know him. His ID could be issued before I became Deputy Speaker," Datumanong said in a text message.

Datumanong assumed his post after the newly elected House organized its leadership following the May elections.

The previous Deputy Speaker for Mindanao was former Basilan Rep. Gerry Salapuddin.

Police also recovered a license plate for a motorcycle as well as a deed of sale with a chassis number that matched that of the motorcycle used in the Batasan bombing that killed Basilan Rep. Wahab Akbar and three other people.

No. 8

The chassis number from the document matched the chassis number on the manufacturer's bar code recovered from the motorcycle used in the Tuesday night blast, Barias said.

A car license plate with the No. "8"—the number assigned to House members—was also recovered, according to Barias.

Police claimed they recovered more.

These included residue of suspected bomb-making chemicals which was found after a dog from a canine unit detected traces of chemicals in a car.

Asked how such voluminous evidence could be found in one place, PNP Director General Avelino Razon told the INQUIRER: "We are just doing our job. The public should be happy. The reward helped us solve the case. We should all help one another maintain peace and quiet."

Razon said the PNP received a tip on the location of the suspects after Malacañang announced a P5 million peso reward for information that could lead police to the Batasan bombers.

Quezon City police director, Senior Supt. Magtanggol Gatdula, said investigators would have to determine if the chemicals matched those of the explosive device used in the Batasan blast.

Black jacket

A black jacket marked "House of Representatives" was also found inside a closet in one of the rooms on the second floor of the supposed safehouse.

Another item recovered was a souvenir shirt of the House of Representatives.

The tampered '8' plate was found inside the trunk of a metallic gray Toyota Corolla with plate No. JBP-878 parked outside the group's suspected safehouse, police said.

Supt. Constante Agpaoa, Station 6 commander, said the jacket was relevant because two men aboard two motorcycles who were seen fleeing from the Batasan complex after the bombing were clad in black jackets.

President Macapagal-Arroyo hailed the police raid.

"She has commended the combined elements of the Philippine National Police and the Armed Forces of the Philippines for the Payatas raid which provided a significant breakthrough in the Batasan blast investigation," Press Secretary Bunye said in a statement.

"She also commended the informants who tipped off the authorities, Bunye added."

Welcomed by gunfire

The shootout broke out after police swooped down on the group's safehouse.

The left wrist of Special Action Force member PO3 Rolando Bukas was shattered when police teams rushed to the purported Abu Sayyaf lair at Blk. 4 Anahaw St., Violago Homes Subdivision, Group 14 Barangay Payatas B at around 4:30 p.m.

The raiding team was greeted by gunfire, police said.

Bukas was brought to the FEU Hospital and transferred to the PNP Hospital in Camp Crame.

Those killed were identified as a certain Pakir Said, alias Abu Jandal, a suspected member of the Abu Sayyaf, Redwan Indama, and his wife identified only as Saing.

Modus operandi

Jandal was supposedly the subject of an arrest warrant issued by a Basilan court for kidnapping and illegal detention.

The three men captured by the teams of the Special Action Force, the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group-NCR and the Quezon City Police District Explosive and Ordinance Division were identified as Khaidar Awnal, Ikram Indama and Adham Kusain.

The identification card bore the name of Ikram Indama.

Gatdula said police strongly suspected Jandal and his group were behind the Batasan blast.

"It all started from the (chassis) bar code and a study of the style of the attack at the Batasan complex," Gatdula said.

He pointed out that the group's modus operandi was reviewed and compared to previous bombing attacks in Mindanao where motorcycles were used.

Moonlighting as assassins

Gatdula said the group had been staying in the house for two weeks, which fit the timeline of the attack.

A source requesting anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media said the Batasan complex blast was the handiwork of the ASG bandits working as individuals.

"That was the work of the ASG but not as a group," the source said, adding that the members of the group could be moonlighting as assassins for profit.

Sophisticated bomb

Razon said the police had gone to the place to serve the warrant on Jandal.

Police also recovered a gun used by the suspects, Razon said.

Chief Supt. Leocadio Santiago, head of the SAF, said the SAF members from the First Special Battalion were "heavily armed with the works, their usual equipment."

As of press time, police were conducting clearing operations in and around the house to make sure there were no bombs in the area.

Razon said the "sophisticated" bomb used in the House blast was intended for a selected target.

Preliminary police findings indicate the bomber was experienced and bolstered the police theory that the explosion was aimed specifically at Akbar.

"The one who made this bomb was pretty experienced. It was sophisticated," Razon said, citing the way the bomb went off to create a 180-degree blast arc to hit Akbar as he was departing the Batasan building.

Barias said police found signs of a detonating cord at the blast site, adding that this had prompted police to order a review of the system for monitoring the sale of TNT and detonating cords.

Razon said he doubted the bomb was a terrorist attack aimed at general destruction.

Police believe the bomb was intended for Akbar. *With reports from Christine O. Avendaño and AFP*

Bank turns over P215M in Erap funds to government

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million originally deposited in Equitable-PCIBank (which merged with Banco de Oro to create Banco de Oro-EPCI) that formed part of the P545.29 million that the court said Estrada had collected in illegal gambling payoffs.

"This is a good start in our effort to recover the ill-gotten wealth of the former President," Urieta said in a phone interview.

"We hope to recover the balance from other banks," he said.

Urieta is also under orders to seize some P189 million deposited in the Jose Velarde account and a house and lot in New Manila, Quezon City, that had been dubbed the "Boracay Mansion."

The money represents the commission that Estrada collected after he ordered the Government Service Insurance System and the Social Security System to buy Belle Corp. shares.

In its judgment, the Sandiganbayan said that Estrada was Jose Velarde and the real and beneficial owner of the Equitable-PCIBank accounts in the name of Velarde.

Urieta served the writs of execution on Estrada last week but the deposed President filed a motion last Friday to quash the writs, arguing that they went beyond the dispositive portion of the Sandiganbayan decision convicting him of plunder.

A hearing on the motion set for today was cancelled.

The court can confiscate Estrada's properties that are disposable and not covered by the writ of execution if he cannot pay all or part of his obligation.

Estrada has the option to choose which property to give up. If he does not exercise this option, the sheriff can impose the levy first on personal property and then real property, if necessary, the court said.

Estrada's lawyers argued that the additional forfeitures were like imposing another penalty on Estrada.

Mariannet may have been raped; cops say pa, brod suspects

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maandal, medico-legal officer of the police's Scene of Crime Operators (Soco) in Southern Mindanao, described what he found during a press conference called by Duterte.

But Dimaandal said the lacerations had healed, indicating that these were old, "probably [inflicted] weeks" before her death.

Amper's body was reportedly found hanging by her 11-year-old brother inside a room of their house in Barangay Ma-a in Talomo District here.

Amper's sister, Maricar, 22, said the family was shocked at the autopsy results. "We never expected it. Even our father was also shocked," she told the INQUIRER by phone.

Amper's father Isabelo said he expected the result of the autopsy.

"Even before it was conducted, there was already talk that my daughter might have been raped. But I am ready to cooperate. I could not do that to my daughter," he said.

He said that although he was hurt by speculations that he had sexually abused his daughter, he wanted the investigation finished to determine who really did it.

"We thought our pain was already over but here comes another problem again," he said.

Father, brother suspects

Supt. Matthew Baccay, Talomo police chief, said the investigation would start from the result of the autopsy. He said Amper's elder brother and her father were now considered suspects.

Magdalena, Mariannet's mother, said she did not have any tears to shed anymore.

"This happened already. But I want everybody to know that no one from the family, including my husband, could do that to my baby," she said.

The family agreed to an autopsy as speculation about how Amper died continued. The girl's father had earlier said he believed his daughter's skin would only be scraped during the autopsy to find out what was underneath.

Isabelo had said the family could also put to rest talk that the body found inside their house was not Mariannet's. Rumors circulated in the neighborhood that Amper was "*naengkanto*" (under a curse) and that the retrieved body was actually a banana trunk.

Self-inflicted

The family has already accepted that Amper had indeed committed suicide, and yesterday's autopsy, according to Dimaandal, indicated that her death was self-inflicted.

"*Hindi siya pilit.* (It was not forced.) There's only a single and consistent ligature mark. There's no sign of struggle or whatsoever," Dimaandal said.

Mayor Duterte said he believed that Mariannet had been raped and that he had endorsed the case to the Talomo police station for investigation.

He said the girl's father would also be invited for questioning although he clarified that he was not a suspect.

"I didn't say it's the father who did it, but it's the responsibility of the father if something happens to his daughter because of irresponsibility," Duterte said.

Maricar said the family could not think of her father as the likely suspect. "It pains us whenever we hear something like that," she said.

DepEd probe

She described her father as strict, "but he would not abuse my sister."

An earlier investigation conducted by a team from the Department of Education discovered that Amper had planned to commit suicide as early as June.

Jenielito Atenillo, spokesperson of the DepEd in the region, said Amper's classmates told the team that she would often cry without any reason.

The girl would sometimes hide inside the school's toilet, Atenillo said.

"Mariannet told them she had a big problem and that she was ashamed to open up and that there were passages in her diary that may cause her mother and father to break up if revealed," he said. *Reports from Nef Lucson, Nico Alconaba and Jeffrey Tupas, Inquirer Mindanao*

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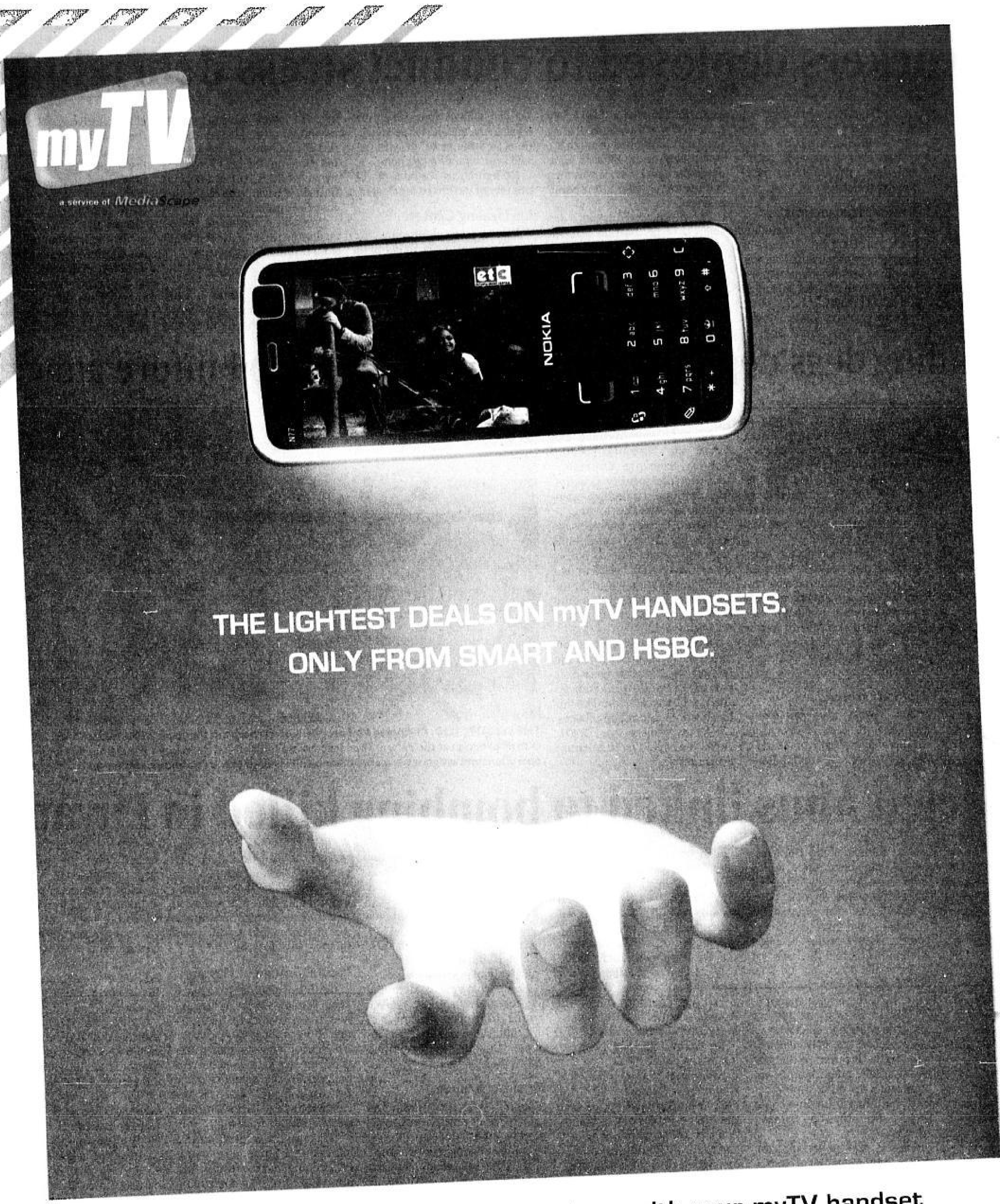

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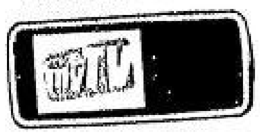

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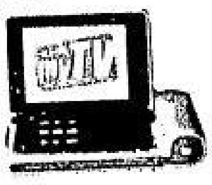

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COURTROOM SHOOTING

Lawyer, client killed

By DJ Yap

A WOMAN AND HER LAWYER WERE SHOT DEAD AT about 10:40 a.m. yesterday inside a Las Piñas City court where they were attending a hearing of a marriage annulment case.

The woman's husband, Roberto Tubale, is suspected to be the gunman in the incident, police said.

In the commotion after the shooting, the suspect managed to escape, said Senior Insp. Jan Dale Sulit, chief

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REBECCA Basa and her client in an annulment case, Lolita Tubale, were gunned down inside this court room while waiting for the hearing to start. EDWIN BACASMAS

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Thieves take Gloria Romero's van in Quezon City

By Jeannette I. Andrade

THREE HEAVILY ARMED MEN wearing bonnets stole a van owned by movie icon Gloria Romero late Wednesday night as it was about to enter the gates of the actress' home along 7th Street, Barangay Marianas in New Manila, Quezon City.

Romero (Gloria Gutierrez in real life) was not aboard the apple green Hyundai Starex van (ZGB-830) when the car thieves struck at around 11:50 p.m. on Wednesday. In the van was her 15-year-old grandson whose name was withheld.

ROMERO

SPO1 Severino Busa of the Quezon City Police District anti-carnapping unit (QCPD-ANCAR) said that while Romero's stay-in driver Erwin Ines was waiting for the gates to open three men got out of a blue Toyota Vios.

Armed with armalite rifles and .45 caliber pistols, the men ordered Ines to open the car door.

Busa said a suspect told Ines: "All we want is the van." One of the suspects hit the driver on his nape and then pulled him out of the car.

The thieves later ordered the actress' grandson to get out of the car. Before leaving, the three men took the cash and cellular phones of the driver and his passenger, then sped off.

QCPD operatives have been fielded to retrieve the van and arrest the suspects.

2 suspected counterfeiters nabbed

By Nancy Carvajal

AUTHORITIES MAY BE CLOSING in on a Chinese-Filipino businessman suspected to be the leader of a peso counterfeit syndicate in the country after the arrest of two suspected syndicate members in Malabon and Valenzuela cities the other day.

An intelligence operative who asked not to be identified said the suspects were Eduardo Maquiniana, 47, of Block 38-C Lot 28 Phase 3 Barangay 12, Dagat-dagatan, Caloocan City; and Conrado Heneral, 51, of No. 36 Urutia Street, Gen. T. De Leon, Valenzuela City.

The two were charged with violation of Article 168 of the Revised Penal Code, also known as illegal possession and use of false treasury or bank notes and other instruments of credit, before the Malabon and Valenzuela City Prosecutor's Offices.

Police report said the two suspects were arrested in separate operations on Monday while trying to sell 18 fake P1,000 bill to undercover agents of the Northern Police District Intelligence and Investigation Division.

"We are now closely monitoring the safe house of the leader where the fake bills are being printed," an intelligence operative who requested anonymity told the INQUIRER.

The policeman refused to identify the businessman saying it would jeopardize their operation but he described the syndicate as "one of the biggest counterfeit groups in the country and has connections abroad."

Maquiniana, the report said, was arrested at around 7 p.m. while trying to sell the bogus bills to a DIID operative inside a mall in Malabon City.

Heneral was arrested two hours later along Gen. T. De Leon St. after handing a bundles of counterfeit P1,000 bills to another undercover agent.

"The syndicate was able to produce fake bills which were 95 percent similar to the genuine articles," the unidentified police operative said.

He said the untrained eye could take them for the real thing.

But the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) certified that the bills were counterfeit.

Manila fire chief wants mall's basement closed for being a fire trap

By Tina G. Santos
and Allison W. Lopez

THE MANILA FIRE BUREAU recommended yesterday the closure of a popular mall's basement, saying it was a fire trap.

Senior Supt. Pablito Cordeta, Manila fire marshal, made the recommendation to the city government when he discovered that firecrackers were sold near the basement of the Divisoria Mall on Comercio Street in Binondo.

Mayor Alfredo Lim warned establishments yesterday against storing firecrackers following the discovery of several kilos of the illegal items in the Binondo mall.

Members of the Manila Police District seized at least 97 boxes of pyrotechnic materials at the mall.

"We are warning mall operators and managers not to allow the storage of firecrackers and other combustible materials to prevent a repeat of the incident at Glorietta," Lim said.

Cordeta, who inspected the mall on Tuesday told the INQUIRER that the mall also violated various provisions of the building code.

"It lacks fire exits, it's very crowded and it has narrow hallways. This puts shoppers at risk," he added.

Cordeta said firecrackers could trigger a fire or an explosion, thus endangering people's lives.

Supt. Bernardo Diaz, station commander of MPD Binondo, said the raid was conducted around 10:30 a.m. following complaints that several vendors were illegally selling firecrackers in the establishment.

Manila city and fire officials had also started inspecting malls and business establishments for substandard Christmas lights.

Officials wanted to know if products being sold complied with Philippine safety standards.

Erring establishments could have their business permits revoked.

BOXES of firecrackers confiscated from the Divisoria Mall in Manila are loaded inside a police vehicle after Manila Police District officials raided the mall. REM ZAMORA

Lim said, "All shopping malls within the city should take precautionary measures to prevent the entry of firecrackers and other combustible materials which may cause a conflagration in their respective areas."

Security

As to security in the city in the wake of the Batasan bombing, he said he directed the MPD to be on the alert and to augment its patrol teams.

The mayor, who had ordered the opening of all the gates of Manila City Hall, said he would not close these despite increased security measures.

"We reiterate that the policemen should be on the alert," said Lim.

"We will not close the gates. If you do so, it would make us look like we are afraid. Besides, it would also be better to have many exits in case of fire," the mayor added.

Lawyer, client ...

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of the city police station investigation division.

Lolita Tubale, 51, and lawyer Rebecca Basa were waiting for Judge Joselito Vibandor of Branch 199 of the Regional Trial Court when they were shot, the police said.

Senior Supt. Amando Empiso, Las Piñas chief-of-police, said Lolita initiated the filing of the case for the annulment of her marriage to Roberto.

Eyewitnesses identified Roberto, also known as Alex, from photographs, Empiso said.

"They have positively identified the husband as the gunman," Empiso said. Tubale and Basa were shot in the head and died at the University of Perpetual Help Medical Center, Empiso said.

It was not clear how the suspect managed to bring a weapon inside the City Hall compound without being detected.

Empiso explained that before anyone could enter the courtroom, they would have to pass through the office of Vibandor's staff.

The suspect even exchanged pleasantries with them before going to the courtroom, the staff told police. Then, two shots rang out, and the man ran past them, they added.

BRIEFS

Garbage man retrieves grenade from kids

A GARBAGE collector saved three children from possible harm yesterday morning by buying a vintage hand grenade the trio had intended to sell to a junkshop. The junk man later turned over the explosive to the Barangay San Antonio hall in Quezon City. The discovery came two weeks after a 12-year-old boy was killed after allegedly toying with a rifle grenade inside a junk shop in the same barangay. At around 11 a.m. yesterday, three children aged 8 and 9 years old found a vintage grenade lying on the roadside along Fernandez Street, Barangay San Antonio, in San Francisco Del Monte. Knowing that the grenade could explode, Danilo Matias gave P5 to the children in exchange for the grenade which they said they found lying by the roadside.

Jeannette I. Andrade

Moratorium on sale of workbooks

ACTING on reports he received from students and parents, Quezon City Councilor Ariel Inton initiated a drive to stop enterprising school officials from selling workbooks to public school students. The Quezon City Division of City Schools later announced in a memorandum a moratorium on the selling of workbooks and the holding of field trips in the city's public elementary and high schools. Inton said students are not required to buy the workbooks, but some teachers allegedly promised additional points if their students bought the materials. "That's clearly a marketing scheme," Inton said, adding that many of the students enrolled in public schools come from poor families. The division of city schools memorandum also included a moratorium on field trips as this could also mean additional expenses for students.

Marlet D. Salazar

Suspect in illegal drugs sale nabbed

A 37-YEAR-OLD man accused of selling illegal drugs was arrested by police in Pasig City on Wednesday evening in front of a church. Police identified the suspect as Ricardo Jeronimo, alias "Ricky," of Barangay Pineda, Pasig City. Arresting officers said they recovered packets containing about 10 grams of a substance suspected to be shabu. According to the police report, Jeronimo was arrested around 6 p.m. along East Capitol Drive, Kapitolyo Pasig. Police said an informant tipped the District Anti-Illegal Drugs, Special Operation Task Force, Eastern Police District about the illegal drug business in the area led by a certain "Ricky." Police immediately coordinated with the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency so they could conduct surveillance operations in the area.The report said the suspect was caught red-handed, adding that PO1 Rodolfo Cabingas Jr. and PO1 Rex Baygar even overheard a transaction between Jeronimo and a client. Sensing the police's presence, the unidentified customer immediately fled, but Jeronimo was collared by cops.

Kristine L. Alave

12th Festival of Trees auction

THE FESTIVAL of Trees (FOT) lights up the city once again when it stages a charity auction on Nov. 29, 6 p.m., at the Manila Polo Club. Philippine Business for Social Progress and Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company board chair Manuel Pangilinan, and Makati Garden Club president and PBSP trustee Maria Luisa Perez Rubio head this year's festivity, with the theme "Celebrating the Spirit at Christmas." The FOT, a charity auction and dinner affair is dedicated to helping the country's less fortunate, advancing socio-economic growth and environmental protection in areas that need it most. This year, the FOT will focus on the Amore Community Development Program, a disaster rehabilitation initiative of the PLDT-Smart Foundation in Albay.

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First cloned embryo from monkey created

PARIS—SCIENTISTS SAID WEDNESDAY they had created the world's first cloned embryo from a monkey, in work that could spur cloning of human cells for use in medical research.

In a paper published online by the British journal Nature, a team in the US said they had created cloned embryos of rhesus macaques, using the same method that famously led to Dolly the Sheep and other genetically duplicated animals.

It is the first time that this technique has been successfully used to create cloned primate embryos.

The group generated two lines of embryonic stem cells from the embryos, according to the research headed by Shoukhrat Mitalipov of the Oregon Health and Science University in Beaverton, Oregon.

Dolly, the world's first cloned animal, was created in 1996, by using so-called somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) in which the genetic core of an egg is removed and replaced with the nucleus of an adult cell.

The egg is then stimulated with chemicals or a jolt of electricity to prompt its division.

The list of other cloned creatures using SCNT includes mice, pigs, cats, cows and dogs.

Until now, though, there has been no cloned primate, for researchers have encountered obstacles that cause cell development to be catastrophically flawed.

Work on primate cloning has also stirred controversy among ethicists, who say it could open the door to cloning human beings, not just cells. In an exceptional move, Nature said it moved forward the release of the paper because of "continuing speculation."

Researchers distinguish between "reproductive cloning" of humans, in which a putative cloned baby would be born and "therapeutic cloning," in which only cloned cells would be used for medical reasons and no baby would result.

Helen Wallace of Genewatch UK, a British group that monitors cloning and other activities in biotechnology, said the breakthrough announced on Wednesday would cause "a real worry" in some quarters that it would tempt a renegade scientist to create a cloned baby.

"The clear risk of an experiment (1/8) in human reproductive cloning (3/8) is of a deformed baby and maternal suffering," she told AFP in a phone interview. *AFP*

Illegals in San Francisco may get IDs

SAN FRANCISCO—THE SAN FRANCISCO Board of Supervisors has given preliminary approval to an ordinance allowing municipal identification cards to be issued to anyone living in the city, regardless of their legal status.

The proposal passed the first of two required votes on Tuesday night, putting San Francisco, with a population of 725,000, on track to become the largest city in the nation to issue identification cards to anyone who requests one and proves residence.

In June, New Haven, Conn., passed a similar measure, believed to be the first in the nation. Since then, New York and several other cities have floated the idea.

In San Francisco, supporters said that the ordinance was intended to make life easier for the large number of illegal immigrants working in the city, many of whom cannot get access to services because they have no formal identification. The city already has a "sanctuary" policy forbidding local law enforcement or other officials to assist with immigration enforcement.

"I think it's admitting the reality of the situation that we depend on, our tourist and hotel industry depends on, a labor force that's supplied by, for lack of a better term, undocumented residents," said Tom Ammiano, the supervisor who sponsored the bill. Ammiano described the measure as "a passport of sorts," to "take the kid to the library or open a bank account, or report a crime without being deported."

Supporters of the ordinance say it could aid crime prevention. John Trasvina, the president and general counsel for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund in Los Angeles, said he had recently received several reports of so-called SOM, or Sock on Mexican, attacks in the Los Angeles area, crimes he hoped might be reduced if victims came forward. *NYT*

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Pakistan in limbo as Musharraf term ends

ISLAMABAD—MILITARY RULER PERVEZ MUSHARRAF's term as president officially ends Thursday at the same time as parliament dissolves, tipping emergency-ruled Pakistan into limbo.

The government said Musharraf, as the incumbent, would remain in office as both army chief and president until the Supreme Court rules on the legality of his victory in an Oct. 6 presidential election.

Opposition leaders including detained former Premier Benazir Bhutto have called on Musharraf to quit, while international pressure is growing for him to give up his role as army chief and end the state of emergency.

"In the constitution the incumbent will continue until the next president takes oath. That is only a common-sense approach, that you cannot have the office lying vacant," Deputy Information Minister Tariq Azeem told AFP.

Musharraf's lawyers told the Supreme Court in September that his five-year term in office would end on Nov. 15. He also vowed to shed his uniform before his second term.

Critics say jitters over the court decision on his reelection led to Musharraf imposing a state of emergency rule on Nov. 3, after which he gutted the court and replaced its top judges.

Azeem said that pending the court's judgement Musharraf could take off his uniform by the end of November—"or it could be even earlier."

"As soon as the Supreme Court can remove that hitch they will notify his election victory and he will be able to take the oath. Before he takes the oath, he will take off the uniform," Azeem said.

The national parliament meanwhile is set to dissolve at midnight after serving the first full term in the history of Pakistan, paving the way for a caretaker government ahead of elections Musharraf has promised by Jan. 9.

The interim government will be sworn in Friday. The remaining provincial assemblies are to be dissolved around Nov. 20.

The opposition, most of whom are either detained, exiled or under house arrest, are considering whether to boycott of the polls, saying they can be neither free nor fair under the state of emergency.

Outgoing Premier Shaukat Aziz, whose replacement is set to be announced on Thursday or Friday, told state media late Wednesday he was "leaving the office with a sense of satisfaction." *AFP*

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WORLDBRIEFS

Greenhouse gases rising faster than UN forecasts

SYDNEY—Greenhouse gas emissions are rising faster than worst-case predictions by the United Nations' top climate change body, said a new Australian report issued Thursday. The report by the independent Climate Institute found emissions were rising faster than forecast by the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), with possibly devastating effects. "Greenhouse emissions are rising faster than the worst-case IPCC scenarios," it said. The UN body may be "underestimating the risks of adverse impacts due to increased warming during this century," it said, meaning events previously considered relatively unlikely were now more likely. A recent assessment by the IPCC used material published up to mid-2006, it said, but many important new observations had been published since. These included the fact that decreases in ice cover in the Arctic Ocean were taking place 30 years earlier than predicted by scientific models, it said, with a new summer minimum for Arctic sea ice set in 2007. At this rate an ice-free Arctic Ocean could exist earlier than dates previously forecast by the models, which see it as a possibility some time between 2050 and 2100, it said. It warned that sea level rises could reach up to 1.4 meters by the end of the century, much higher than forecast by the UN. *AFP*

O.J. Simpson ordered to stand trial

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LOS ANGELES—O.J. Simpson, the football star-turned-actor who was acquitted of double murder in 1995, was ordered to stand trial on Wednesday in what prosecutors say was the armed robbery in Las Vegas of his own memorabilia from a pair of collectors. Las Vegas Judge Joe Bonaventure ordered Simpson, 60, and two other men to stand trial on 12 charges, including kidnapping and armed robbery, in the Sept. 13 incident at the Palace Station Hotel and Casino. Bonaventure set trial for Simpson, Clarence Stewart and Charles Ehrlich to begin on Nov. 28, although that date will almost certainly be pushed back. Defense attorneys asked that the case be dismissed because it was based largely on the testimony of witnesses who they said lacked credibility. Bonaventure agreed that prosecution witnesses, some of whom had criminal records or were testifying in exchange for leniency, had credibility issues. "(But) the ultimate determination of the credibility of witnesses should be left to a jury. For this reason the defense arguments are not convincing," the judge said. *Reuters*

Sex diseases still rising in US

THE INCIDENCE of gonorrhea, which had declined sharply, has risen in the last two years in this country while the number of chlamydia and syphilis cases continue to rise, federal health officials said Tuesday. Chlamydia and gonorrhea are the two most common diseases among those doctors must report in the United States. And the 1,030,911 cases of chlamydia in 2006 are the highest ever recorded for any nationally reported disease in any year, the officials said in releasing their annual report on sexually transmitted diseases. They said that because of underreporting, a more accurate estimate is 2.8 million new chlamydia cases annually. The chlamydia microbe can cause pelvic inflammatory disease and resulting abdominal pain, ectopic pregnancy and infertility in women. *NYT*

Mothers pray on Korean test day

SEOUL—South Korean mothers knelt in prayer, the stock market opened late and the military grounded flights to help teenagers taking a college entrance exam on Thursday that could shape the course of their lives. Some 585,000 students took the state-sponsored College Scholastic Aptitude Test. The exam determines the university they will attend, but getting into an elite college often means being at the top of the list for the best jobs after graduation and being considered one of the most eligible people to marry. Education-obsessed South Korean parents spend huge sums of money on the best tutors, cram schools, private schools and even nutritionists who will fashion a diet suited for studying to give their child an advantage. Most teenagers preparing for the test usually spend about 14 to 16 hours a day in studies. Mothers by the tens of thousands prayed for good results at Buddhist temples known for having links to education as well as at Christian churches. *Reuters*

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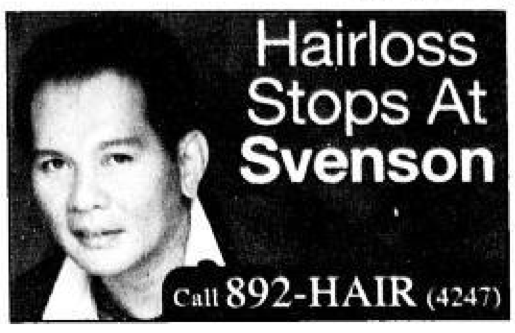

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By Musong R. Castillo

NEW-KID-ON-THE-BLOCK PHAREX FInally broke through in the PBL V-Go Energy Cup yesterday with a 79-76 overtime decision of Bacchus Energy at The Arena in San Juan.

Elmer Espiritu scored five of his 24 points in extra time and the Medics preserved the win with a brilliant defensive gem at endgame to thwart the Energy Drink Raiders.

It was just the first win in six games for Pharex and it left Bacchus as the only winless squad in the seven-team field at 0-5.

Toyota Balintawak snapped its own skid by erasing a 10-point deficit on the way to a 71-66 win over San Mig Coffee in the other game.

Trailing 49-59, the Road Kings opened the fourth period with a 14-2 run to take a 63-61 lead it never relinquished. Toyota won for the first time in four games and improved to 3-3.

"We've been playing decent basketball and working out hard," said Pharex coach Gian Carlo Tan, whose Medics lost four of those five games by close margins. "We've just not gotten the breaks."

Espiritu, a vital cog in the University of the East team that finished second behind La Salle in the UAAP early in October, capped his best offensive show by clustering five points inside the final 2:58 that erased a 71-74 deficit.

The 6-foot-3 do-it-all forward also had five rebounds and two shot blocks, the last coming off UE teammate Hans Thiele's three-point attempt which could have sent the contest into a second extension.

First Game

PHAREX 79—Espiritu 24, Co 21, Matias 11, Allera 6, Gerilla 6, Aquino 4, Alfad 3, Bulawan 2, Oreta 2, De Guzman 0.

BACCHUS 76—Mendoza 17, Martinez 12, Llagas 10, Thiele 9, Viardo 6, Mondargon 5, Dela Cruz 4, Raymundo 4, Dizon 3, Guevarra 2, Fampulme 2, Williams 2, Cagoco 0, Labagala 0.

Quarters: 13-21; 35-32; 50-52; 67-all; 79-76

Second Game

TOYOTA BALINTAWAK 71—Sena 20, Aldave 19, Casio 12, Jaime 7, Faundo 4, Villanueva 3, Dedicatoria 3, Sta. Maria 2, Hayes 1, Alcaraz 0, Guerrero 0, Rodriguez 0.

SAN MIG COFFEE 66—Magpayo 15, Custodio 14, Raneses 13m Dalafu 11, Saldua 6, Dela Pena 5, Angeles 2, Luanzon 0, Solocon 0, Pascual 0, Arao 0, Sorongon 0, Del Rosario 0.

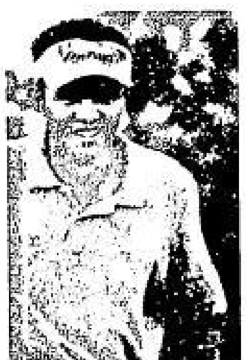
Quarters: 18-15; 35-36; 49-59; 71-66

STANDINGS	W	L
Hapee	5	0
Harbour	4	1
Toyota	3	3
San Mig	2	3
Mall & More	2	3
Pharex	1	5
Bacchus	0	5

GAMES TOMORROW
(***The Arena, San Juan***)
2 p.m.—Harbour C. vs. San Mig Coffee
4 p.m.—Mall & More vs. Bacchus

PHAREX gunner Sean Co puts up a shot off Ramsey Williams of Bacchus. AUGUST DELA CRUZ

Pucay, Thai share Viet Benz lead



PUCAY: Even par 72

HO CHI MINH CITY—Filipino Mars Pucay faded with an even-par 72 and shared the lead with promising Thai golfer Nakul Vichitryuthasastr halfway through the Mercedes-Benz Championship Vietnam on Thursday.

Nakul carded a 71, the joint best round of the day, to tie Pucay at three-under-par 141.

Vietnamese amateur Hyunh Van Son, who started the day with a joint share of the lead, stuttered to a 74 to be two off the pace at the Vietnam Golf and Country Club.

Pucay, though, was happy with his performance.

"Level par is okay," he said. "It's not an easy course as the greens are very quick and undulating. You are in trouble if you get above the hole."

Filipino amateur ace Jay Bayron was three off the lead after shooting a 75 along with Thailand's Pol Kemmarat.

Nakul has been a regular feature on the leaderboards on this year's Asean Golf Tour, which was launched in September to provide more playing opportunities for players in the region.

"I played well today but made some mistakes on the back nine," said Nakul.

He was coasting along before bogeys on 13 and 14, and another dropped shot on 16, spoiled his card.

Leading second-round scores:

141—Nakul Vichitryuthasastr (THA) 70-71, **Mars Pucay (PHI) 69-72**; 143—Hyunh Van Son (VNM-a) 69-74; 144—**Jay Bayron (PHI-a) 69-75**, Pol Kemmarat (THA) 69-75; 145—**Felix Casas (PHI) 71-74**, Sirapong Maitreeyuenyong (THA) 73-72, Pijit Petchakasem (THA) 70-75; 146—Khor Kheng Hwai (MAS) 71-75

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Caguioa back to spark slumping Gin Kings today

STANDINGS	W	L
Purefoods	7	0
Magnolia	4	2
Talk 'N Text	4	3
Alaska	4	3
Red Bull	3	3
Sta. Lucia	3	4
Air21	2	4
Ginebra	2	4
Welcoat	2	4
Coca-Cola	1	5

GAMES TODAY
(Cuneta Astrodome)
4:35 p.m.—Magnolia vs Welcoat
7:20 p.m.—Air21 vs Barangay Ginebra

MARK CAGUIOA RETURNS TO HOPEFULLY give Barangay Ginebra a spark when the defending champion Gin Kings clash with slumping Air21 tonight in the Smart PBA Philippine Cup eliminations at the Cuneta Astrodome.

The pesky guard returned recently from the United States where he recovered from a shoulder injury and initial reports said the 6-foot gunslinger will be suiting up in the 7:20 p.m. game.

Ginebra has found life hard without Caguioa and Eric Menk, another superstar starter out because of injury. And the Kings have been languishing near the bottom of the standings because of this.

At 2-4 and just a game out of the cellar, the Kings need to win games in a string going into the last few days of the first round.

And it could be a blessing that Ginebra will be colliding with the Express, who have lost their last two games—against Sta. Lucia and Purefoods—by an average of 27 points.

Ginebra actually snapped a four-game losing streak last week by cutting the Realtors down to size, 103-90, and the return of Caguioa—unless he is in truly bad shape—can do nothing but prop up the Kings' spirits and boost their firepower.

Meanwhile, sister team Magnolia seeks to stay in solo second place when the rock-solid Beverage Masters clash with Welcoat in the 4:35 p.m. contest.

Magnolia has been on a roller-coaster ride since the start of the tournament just over a month ago as its star-studded lineup tries to jell in time for the bigger battles ahead.

Welcoat, on the other hand, will be coming off the biggest win in its short history in the league, a 126-125 overtime victory over powerhouse Talk 'N Text over the weekend.

It would be interesting to see how the young Dragons, who won just seven games last year before undergoing a massive manpower buildup anchored on No. 1 pick Joe Devance, treat their next game against another title contender.

"The morale of the team is high," Welcoat coach Leo Austria said while scouting on Wednesday at the Araneta Coliseum. "That win showed that we have slowly built our character."

Aside from Devance, the Dragons will also be led by Nic Belasco, the hero in that win, and sophomore center Jay-R Reyes.

Dondon Hontiveros, Danny Seigle, Danny Ildefonso and Olsen Racela will again spearhead Magnolia. *Musong R. Castillo*

Pagulayan, Corteza keep Dumaguete win streaks

DUMAGUETE CITY—REIGNING RP CHAMP Lee Vann Corteza nipped German Ralf Souquet, 9-7 Wednesday night, to keep his chances of advancing in the Negros Oriental International 9-Ball Championships at the Dumaguete Convention Center here.

Alex Pagulayan also remained unscathed after two matches. He turned back Taiwanese star Wu Chia-ching, 9-5, before ripping countryman Arturo Publico, 9-1. His next assignment will be American Corey Deuel today.

Corteza made the most out of a crucial scratch by Souquet in the 16th rack to post the win and lead a bevy of local bets who are fancied to romp off with the $20,000 top prize.

It was the second straight win for the 28-year-old Corteza, who will clash with another former world champion in Mika Immonen of Finland today. Corteza scored a 9-4 decision of Boyet Drillon in the first round.

Immonen is also unbeaten in two starts after taking a 9-6 and 9-7 victories over Jec-Jec Limen and Warren Kiamco, respectively.

Deuel, posted 9-6 victories over Mike Takayama and Chung Chien-te of Taiwan.

Unheralded Jarry Pelayo, who is playing minus two fingers he lost in a firecracker accident as a child, and Elmer Haya clipped formidable foreign foes to sustain their respective runs.

Pelayo shocked Yang Ching-shun, 9-8, and Rodolfo "Boy Samson" Luat, 9-3, while Haya trounced Japan-based Ramil Gallego, 9-8, Japan's Satoshi Kawabata, 9-5.

Marlon Bernardino, Contributor

ZAMBOANGA City's Radjeev Tahil bests all comers in the semifinals of the 400-meter run at the Rizal Memorial track oval. RAFFY LERMA

OLYMPIC FEST NAT'LS

5 kata golds lift QC to top

By June Navarro

QUEZON CITY SCOOPED UP FIVE GOLD medals in the kata event of karatedo while Baguio City sparkled on the track yesterday in the 2nd Philippine Olympic Festival national championships at the rain-battered Rizal Memorial Sports Complex.

Miguel Villasis (boys' 10-11), John Cenard Cullera (boys' 12-13), Elsha Bertillo (girls' 12-13), Raquel Luzares (girls' 14-15) and Chloe Villasis (girls' 8-9) struck for the QC squad which grabbed the overall lead from Lipa.

Baguio City swept the first two golds in athletics with Hernanie Sore and Ceasar Castaneto ruling the men's and junior boys' 5,000-meter run at the wet and slippery Rizal oval.

Sore breasted the tape in 15 minutes and 8.1 seconds to beat University of Baguio teammate Joanes Jimenez, who timed 15:10.2.

Castaneto, who captured a pair of golds during the Central Northern Luzon qualifying games won by Baguio, prevailed in 15:30.6 with Darwin Lim of Cavite second in 16:37 in the event backed by Globe, Accel, Asia Brewery, Negros Navigation, AMA Computer College and Creativity Lounge.

The CNL champion team also snatched a gold in the boys' kata through George Segundo in the boys' 16-and-above bracket.

Lipa City also shone in the kata event of karatedo with Kym Yoroshiko Torres seizing the boys' 10-11 title, Raymund Mejico capturing the boys' 14-15 division and Joy Tapero walking away with the girls' 10-11 plum.

Manila snared its first gold of the weeklong games hosted by the Philippine Sports Commission when Christopher Jaboc ruled the youth 5,000m in 15:29.7.

Jaboc outpaced Laguna's Jake Reyes, who grabbed the silver in 16:22.6.

Victories by Jennibeth Salceda of Far Eastern University (3,000m open women) and Frejelyn Rongcales of University of Santo Tomas (3,000m junior girls) could have helped boost Manila's stock but they decided to represent their respective schools instead.

Davao del Norte picked up its first gold courtesy of Jonel Buncit's triumph in the 5,000m open junior boys while Hanny Jean Delfin put Capiz on the medal tally with her youth girls' 3,000m victory.

Jan Jodilyn Fronda also seized a chess gold for Manila in the girls' under-14 after compiling 4.5 points in six rounds while Iloilo City's Cesar Mariano took the boys' open with a tournament-best 5.5 points.

Lascuña 6 off Choi in HK Open

HONG KONG—SOUTH KOREA'S K.J. Choi stormed into the lead at the UBS Hong Kong Open on Thursday, firing an eight-under-par first round of 62 to take a slender advantage over a star-studded field at the Hong Kong Golf Club in Fan Ling.

The world No. 12 lived up to his billing as favorite for the $2.25 million tournament with nine birdies, including five in succession from the 12th, that lifted him a stroke ahead of Welshman Garry Houston, who had a 63.

Tony Lascuña emerged the best of six Filipinos in the field as he shot a two-under 68 along with 17 others that include Nick Faldo, Paul McGinley and Thomas Bjorn.

Frankie Miñoza, the Filipino No. 1, carded a 69 like defending champion Jose Manuel Lara of Spain while Juvic Pagunsan, whose stock rose by finishing second here last year to become Asian Tour Rookie of the Year, matched par 70.

Veterans Angelo Que had a 71, Gerald Rosales carded a 73 while Artemio Murakami struggled with a 74. Filipino amateur Dante Beciera made a 75.

A bogey at the ninth was the only blemish in an otherwise flawless display for Choi.

Sweden's Robert Karlsson and Fredrik Andersson Hed were tied for third one shot back. Their matching 64s set the early clubhouse target before Choi's back nine surge propelled him up the leaderboard.

South Korea's Kang Wook-soon, the last Asian winner of this tournament, hit a 65, as did Spain's Miguel Angel Jimenez and Scotland's Barry Hume.

Australia's Scott Strange and Thailand's Thongchai Jaidee and Chapchai Norat were one shot further adrift.

Thongchai, who was playing with Karlsson, matched the Swede for most of the day but two bogeys in the last three holes saw him slip back. *AFP*

LASCUÑA: Six shots behind

Castro gets juicy offer from Slingers

By Roy Luarca

SINGAPORE—JASON CASTRO, THE high-flying, fleet-footed guard of the Harbour Centre-backed Philippine team, may yet land in the Australian National Basketball League instead of the Philippine Basketball Association.

Moments after lifting the Nationals to a 100-93 victory over the Singapore Slingers Tuesday night, Castro got a tempting offer from an official of the team competing in the NBL Hummer Championship.

The Slingers, not to mention the predominantly Filipino crowd, were awed by Castro's dazzling performance against taller defenders that saw him produce 16 points, five assists and three steals in 31 minutes of action.

"Somebody from the Slingers approached me and told me that they're looking for Filipinos to play for the team," said the 5-foot-10 Castro.

"If the offer's good, I'm inclined to accept it," said Castro, back-to-back Philippine Basketball League MVP. "But I hope to have somebody with me, so as not to be lonely."

Singapore-based Filipino businessman Paul Monozca confirmed the offer, saying that Slingers owner Bob Turner called him up Wednesday morning and expressed his desire to go to Manila and see Castro and possibly other Filipino players.

RP 5 not taking it easy before SEAG

Baculi cautious despite sweep of Singapore tuneup matches

By Roy Luarca

SINGAPORE—THERE WILL BE NO let-up in the Philippine-Harbour Centre team's final push for the Southeast Asian Games men's basketball crown.

Due to fly home today after a successful training stint here, the Nationals need not even unpack their bags as they are due to be quartered for at least 10 days before embarking on their mission to retain their crown in Thailand next month.

Harbour Centre team owner Mikee Romero approved the recommendation of the coaching staff headed by Junel Baculi Thursday following the Nationals' breezy 115-55 victory over the Singapore selection at the Singapore Basketball Centre.

Though satisfied with his wards' performance, Baculi said the Nationals still need to have that special kind of bonding before leaving for Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand, on Dec. 3.

To achieve this, the Nationals will have two days of team building in Tagaytay City before being kept under one roof in the final phase of their SEAG preparations.

Romero asked the Nationals for a little more sacrifice.

"You have to believe in us (RP team management), you have to believe in your coaches and you have to believe in yourselves," Romero told the Nationals during a dinner hosted by businessman Paul Monozca. "If you can do that, positive things will happen."

Erick Arejola, the RP team coordinator, said they are already looking for a suitable place for the Nationals, who highlighted their four-game sweep here with a 100-93 come-from-behind victory over the Singapore Slingers Tuesday.

The Nationals also dumped the Singapore national team, 90-42, on Sunday and the United States Navy selection, 105-92, on Monday.

Meanwhile, assistant coaches Louie Alas and Beaujing Acot arrived Thursday from nearby Johor Baru, where they watched the Malaysia national team subdue the National Basketball Conference-Spring Oil selection, 87-75, in the Johor International Invitational tournament.

According to Alas, the Malaysians are basically the same team that placed third in the 2003 SEAG in Vietnam and remain beatable.

"They (Malaysians) shoot well and their big men can play small," said Alas, who steered the national team to the 1999 Brunei SEAG title. "Still, I am optimistic that we could beat them again especially if we play the same way we did against the Slingers."

Alas noted that the Malaysians are mainly a nine-man rotation, though they beat the NBC selection sans one of their stars—6-foot-6 Lee Wei—who studies at China's Fujian University.

Mabuhay Miles golf fires off at Eagle Ridge

OVER 400 GOLFERS, INCLUDING company presidents, CEOs, top professionals and other captains of business and industry, tee off today for the 2007 Mabuhay Miles Elite Invitational golf tournament at the Eagle Ridge Golf & Country Club in Gen. Trias, Cavite.

Dubbed "Make A Solid Impact," the tournament will be held for the second straight year at the sprawling Eagle Ridge golf complex.

Competition will be in four divisions for the men plus the ladies division. Class A and the ladies will play at the Dye course, Classes B and D will tour the Faldo course, while Class C will tackle the Norman.

SPORTSWATCH

Molo Scoop session guest

HOW FIT ARE FILIPINO ATHLETES VYING in the coming 24th Southeast Asian Games in Thailand?

This will be discussed in today's SCOOP session at 11 a.m. where Dr. Randolph Molo, member of the medical staff of the Philippine Center for Sports Medicine, will appear as guest. Also invited to the forum sponsored by Accel are PSC's Quennie Evangelista and Rachelle Dumuk.

'Bakbakan' finals get going

THE CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND OF THE NFGB Bakbakan National 10-Stag Derby starts at 1 p.m. today with 96 fights lined up at the Makati Coliseum.

The remaining semifinal rounds also sizzle today at Mabuhay Cockpit in Pampanga and Talisay Sports Complex in Cebu.

Manny Berbano and Rommel Calalang of Bulacan, Gen-gen Arayata and Charlie Hao of Bicol, Boy Uy and Peping Chan of Rizal and Ferdie Buensalida of Batangas tallied six wins last Tuesday and Wednesday.

'Bracket of 3' cockfest on

THE "BRACKET OF 3 FASTEST-WIN ONE-Cock Ulutan" returns to Roligon Mega Cockpit from 9 a.m. today, a month after drawing 107 entries at its last hackfights.

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Each fastest-win champion gets a bonus of P5,000.

Meanwhile, the "Weder Weder Lang" 5-cock derby kicks off at the venue on Dec. 1, 4, 6 and 8 with P2 million up for grabs.

RACING TIPS

BY TOP CHOICE

Race 1—(Qrt/Tri)—Red Gown/Truly Inspired (3), Mean Machine (6), Rogue Knight (5), Prince Dugo (1)
Race 2—(Qrt/Tri)—Afternoon Delight (4), King Anthony (3), Storm Hall (1), Lucky Joe (2)
Race 3—(Tri)—Virgin Hill (4), Eskapo (2), Smarty Pants (3)
Race 4—(Qrt/Tri)—Allez Allez (8), Sir Vey (1), Elevenian Queen (7), Mathematics (2)
Race 5—(Tri)—Real Tough (1), Prima Vera (3), Spanish Drums (5)
Race 6—(Penta/Qrt/Tri)—Viva Treasure (7), Custodia Legis (11), Queen (3), Emperadora (9), Beautiful Smile (6)
Race 7—(Qrt/Tri)—Hazit Coming/Saintly Path (1), Magpakailanman/Manila's Style (4)
Race 8—(Qrt/Tri)—Down Jones (8), La Signorina (1), Tigerific (6), Virgin Island (5)
Race 9—(Stingray (7), El Love Senora (13), All All All (8), Reign of Roses (9), Golden Touch (2), Real Triomphe (11)

RAFAEL Nadal plays a forehand return to Novak Djokovic. AFP

Nadal pips Djokovic, stays in Masters hunt

SHANGHAI—RAFAEL NADAL BLASTED past Serb Novak Djokovic, 6-4 6-4, on Thursday but the world No. 2 still faced a nervous wait to see if he had done enough to reach the semifinals of the year-ending Tennis Masters Cup.

The French Open champion boosted his round-robin record to 2-1, making him a favorite to advance at the $4.45 million event in Shanghai.

Fellow Spaniard David Ferrer, who beat Nadal on Tuesday for his second straight win, was playing France's Richard Gasquet in the other Gold Group match later on Thursday.

Any result other than Gasquet winning in three sets, which would make the ratio of games won and lost the deciding factor in who goes through, would be good enough for Nadal.

Djokovic, already eliminated after losing his first two matches, failed to consistently threaten Nadal, who was fired-up from the start.

A lucky net cord gave Nadal an early break and Djokovic effectively surrendered the set when he dumped an easy volley into the net to drop serve again in the fifth game.

Nadal dashed any ideas Djokovic had of a comeback with a lunging backhand volley to hold to 5-3 in the second set, pumping his fists and roaring in delight after a marathon point.

A looping forehand down the line gave Nadal victory on his first match point, the Spaniard sinking to his knees in celebration after his most convincing performance of the group stages.

Andy Roddick pasted Fernando Gonzalez, 6-1, 6-4, late on Wednesday and is the only player so far to book his place in the semifinals of the eight-man tournament.

The American said he was itching to reverse years of pain by knocking world No. 1 Roger Federer out of the Masters Cup on Friday.

The fifth-ranked Roddick faces an unusually vulnerable Federer who has suffered three defeats in the past four weeks, his worst run since 2003. *Reuters*

Sonics spoil Wade's return to Heat

MIAMI—MIAMI'S SEASON-LONG WAIT for Dwyane Wade ended. So, too, did Seattle's quest for its first win of the Kevin Durant era.

Chris Wilcox scored 20 points, Damien Wilkins added 19 and the SuperSonics spoiled Wade's return by beating Miami, 104-95, Wednesday night—Seattle's first win in nine games this season.

Durant, the highly touted rookie, finished with 18 on 6-of-16 shooting for Seattle.

Wade scored 15 points in 25 minutes on 5-for-9 shooting for Miami (1-7), which is 0-4 at home for the second time in franchise history.

Ricky Davis scored 19 points on just 5-for-18 shooting for Miami.

At Los Angeles, Stephon Marbury rejoined the New York Knicks *(See story below)*, but Chris Kaman had 14 points and 18 rebounds to lead the Los Angeles Clippers.

Marbury came off the bench to score nine of his 13 points in the first half.

At Boston, the Celtics turned up the defense and the tempo while Kevin Garnett was on the bench with three fouls and improved to 7-0 with a 91-69 win over the New Jersey Nets, their best start since they opened 10-0 in 1972-73. Their best start was 14-0 in 1957-58.

At Cleveland, Dwight Howard matched a career high with 35 points and Hedo Turkoglu tied up LeBron James for a jump ball in the final second of overtime to lift the Orlando Magic over the Cavaliers, 117-116, and remain unbeaten on the road.

James finished with 39 points, 14 assists and 13 rebounds. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, James is the first player to record that many points, assists and rebounds in a game since Wilt Chamberlain in 1968.

Other NBA games: Lakers 93, Rockets 90; Pistons 111, Warriors 104; Timberwolves 108, Kings 103; Wizards 103, Pacers 90; Jazz 92, Raptors 88; Hornets 95, Sixers 76; Hawks 117, Bobcats 109; Bucks 102, Grizzlies 99; Nuggets 110, Trail Blazers 93.

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12 SEAG events may be shelved

KUALA LUMPUR—AT LEAST 12 EVENTS face the axe from next month's Southeast Asian Games in Thailand because not enough competitors have registered to take part.

Games organizing committee secretary-general Charoen Wattanasin said only two countries have entered athletes for the events and the rules require at least four countries for them to go ahead.

"We have set the rules and we should follow it," he said.

"As we have 12 events with only two countries, sports associations are arguing that there are at least four athletes registered and the events should go ahead. They have asked me and I have said no."

The events set to go are: skeet, trap and double trap in shooting, women's windsurfing, women's 48kg and over 76kg weightlifting, equestrian individual and team, women's squash, Muaythai bantamweight and lightweight, and women's downhill cycling.

The organizing committee are set to meet on Friday to discuss the fate of the events, a report said.

The Games run from Dec. 6 to 15 in Nakhon.

More than 7,000 athletes and officials are competing in the Games with Thailand sending the largest contingent of 1,389, followed by Malaysia, 1,114.The Philippines is sending about 500. *AFP*

FOREIGN SPORTS BITS

Knicks slap fine on Marbury

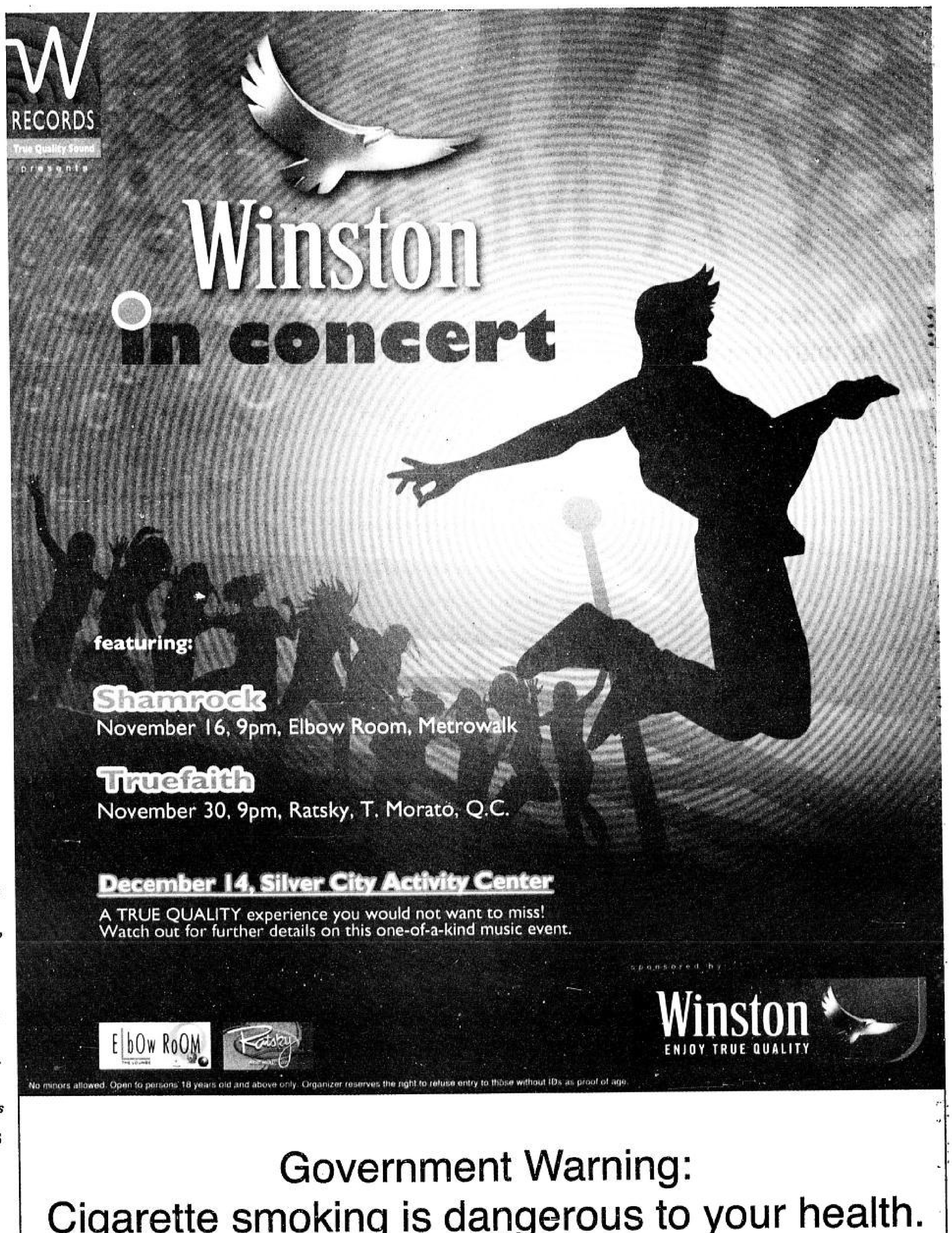
NEW YORK—STEPHON MARBURY WAS FINED close to $200,000 for leaving the New York Knicks without permission, reports said Wednesday. The NEW YORK POST said Marbury missed a Monday practice. He was reportedly told earlier he would not start in the club's Tuesday NBA game against the Phoenix Suns. Knicks coach Isiah Thomas on Monday told the 30-year-old Marbury that he would be replaced by Mardy Collins in the starting lineup against the Suns. ***AFP***

A-Rod might return to Yankees

NEW YORK—FREE AGENT SLUGGER ALEX RODRIGUEZ has contacted the New York Yankees about a possible return to the club. In a statement on his official website (AROD.com) Wednesday, the 32-year-old third baseman said he had spoken to the Yankees owners, the Steinbrenner family. Rodriguez and the Yankees cut their ties last month when he exercised an escape clause in his 10-year, $252 million contract. ***Reuters***

Stiff fines for overweight boxers

BOXING CHIEFS ARE MULLING OVER MOVES to hit errant fighters in the pocket. World Boxing Council fines for boxers who breach weigh-in rules range from just $1,000 to $1,500 and WBC president Jose Sulaiman said that stiffer fines linked to fighters' purses may be introduced to ensure complicity. WBC rules state that at 30 days before a fight, a boxer must not exceed his weight category by 10 percent or more. ***Reuters***



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Lady Stags, Eagles collide

STANDINGS	W	L
UST	6	1
SSC	6	1
Ateneo	5	2
Adamson	4	3
La Salle	3	4

GAMES TODAY
(The Arena, San Juan)
3 p.m.—SSC vs Ateneo
5 p.m.—UST vs Adamson

LOCAL SUPPORT WILL SPELL THE DIFFERence when San Sebastian seeks a repeat win over Ateneo today at the start of the 2007 Shakey's V-League volleyball second conference at The Arena in San Juan.

The Lady Stags and the Lady Eagles clash at 3 p.m.

The University of Santo Tomas Tigresses also eye another victory over the Adamson University Lady Falcons later at 5 o'clock.

A victory by both the Lady Stags and the Tigresses would give them a two-win edge at 7-1 over the third-placed Lady Eagles.

The first time San Sebastian and Ateneo met on Oct. 23, the Lady Stags won, 18-25, 25-23, 29-27, 20-25, 15-7.

San Sebastian's Thai import Jaroensri Bualee enjoys stronger local support. She was with them in the first conference where she won Most Valuable Player honors.

Rysabelle Devanadera, Latigay, Mellissa Mirasol, Jinni Mondejar and Charisse Ancheta were particularly helpful in the crucial third set won by the Lady Stags, 29-27, in 34 minutes.

Bualee's counterpart and fellow Thai, two-time Southeast Asian Games campaigner Lithawat Kesinee, should likewise be able to draw inspired performances from teammates Charo Soriano, Karla Bello, Denise Acevedo, Patricia Lyn Taganas and Bea Pascual.

UST beat Adamson on Nov. 4, 25-15, 17-25, 25-18, 25-23, with Venus Bernal and Mary Jean Balse, who combined for 33 points, and two other Tigresses scoring in double digits.

The league uses the 3-of-4 incentive to give lower-ranked teams a chance to fight for the crown. Any team that wins three of its four semifinal games automatically gains a playoff for the second finals slot. *Romina S. Austria*

Pool body fetes WPC's 'Superman'

GOMEZ

FOR MAKING THE title match of the $400,000 World Pool Championship recently, the hitherto-unheralded Robert Gomez will be feted by the Billiards and Snooker Congress of the Philippines.

"What he did is something every Filipino, especially from the Visayas-Mindanao area, should be proud of," said BSCP president Ernesto Fajardo of Gomez, known in pool circles as Superman.

Aside from being the first qualifier to ever make the title match, the 29-year-old Gomez was the first player from the southern part of the Philippines to pull off the feat.

Gomez, a former correspondent for a television station in Zamboanga, holds degrees in mass communication and criminology from the University of the Philippines in Western Mindanao.

The luncheon for the new pool sensation, who yielded to England's Daryl Peach, 15-17, in Sunday's finals, is set on Monday in Makati.

"The way he dismantled the opposition on his way to the finals is mind-boggling," said BSCP chair Yen Makabenta. "For me, he's the best player in this year's WPC. He just picked the wrong time to lose."

Gomez twice clustered 11 straight racks during the tournament against favored foes.

He first did the trick in his 11-0 whitewash of Europe's No. 1 Niels Feijen of the Netherlands in the Final 16. In the semifinals, Gomez rallied from 0-4 down to beat England's top player Karl Boyes, 11-4. *Musong R. Castillo*

BF Resort bets pace I-Village golf by 4 points

BF RESORT DREW 39 POINTS EACH from four players to surge into the lead at the start of the grand finals of the MyPhone Presents the 16th Intervillage Golf Tournament Series at the Summit Point course in Lipa City on Wednesday.

Arniel "Jojo" Bondoc, Joey Lalisan, Art Ampaya and Zardi Abellera each carded 39 points to power BF Resort on top with 306, four ahead of Hillsborough.

Also scoring for BF Resort were Arnold Jumalon (38), Ronny Gervacio (38), Rupert Bayocot (38) and Luis Bustamante (36).

Hillsborough struck through Danny Olanosa (39), Ed Puno (39), King Rodrigo (39), Philip Brodett (38), Roderick Gamboa (38), Roger Maningas (37), Vic Guzman (36) and Rene Cuchon (36).

Tahanan was six strokes back at 300 on the efforts of Lito Abad (39), Danny Gutierrez (39), Jun Sauler (39), Beng Ibo (39), Michael Gonzales (38), Rene Mendoza (36), Ed Reyes (35) and Ronnie Caballero (35).

Better Living/Don Bosco/Levitown took fourth spot with 291 followed by Don Enrique Heights (284) and Cinco Hermanos/Monte Vista (282).

In individual play, Joel Altea IV was the lone entry in Group 1 (handicap 0-5), scoring 31 points while Arnold Jumalon paced Group 2 (6-10) with 32, three ahead of Brodett, Ed Puno and Vic Guzman.

Group 3 (11-15) leader was Art Ampaya with 33 points followed by Danny Gutierrez (30) and Danny Olonosa (29) while Beng Ibo was ahead in Group 4 (16-20) with 29 points.

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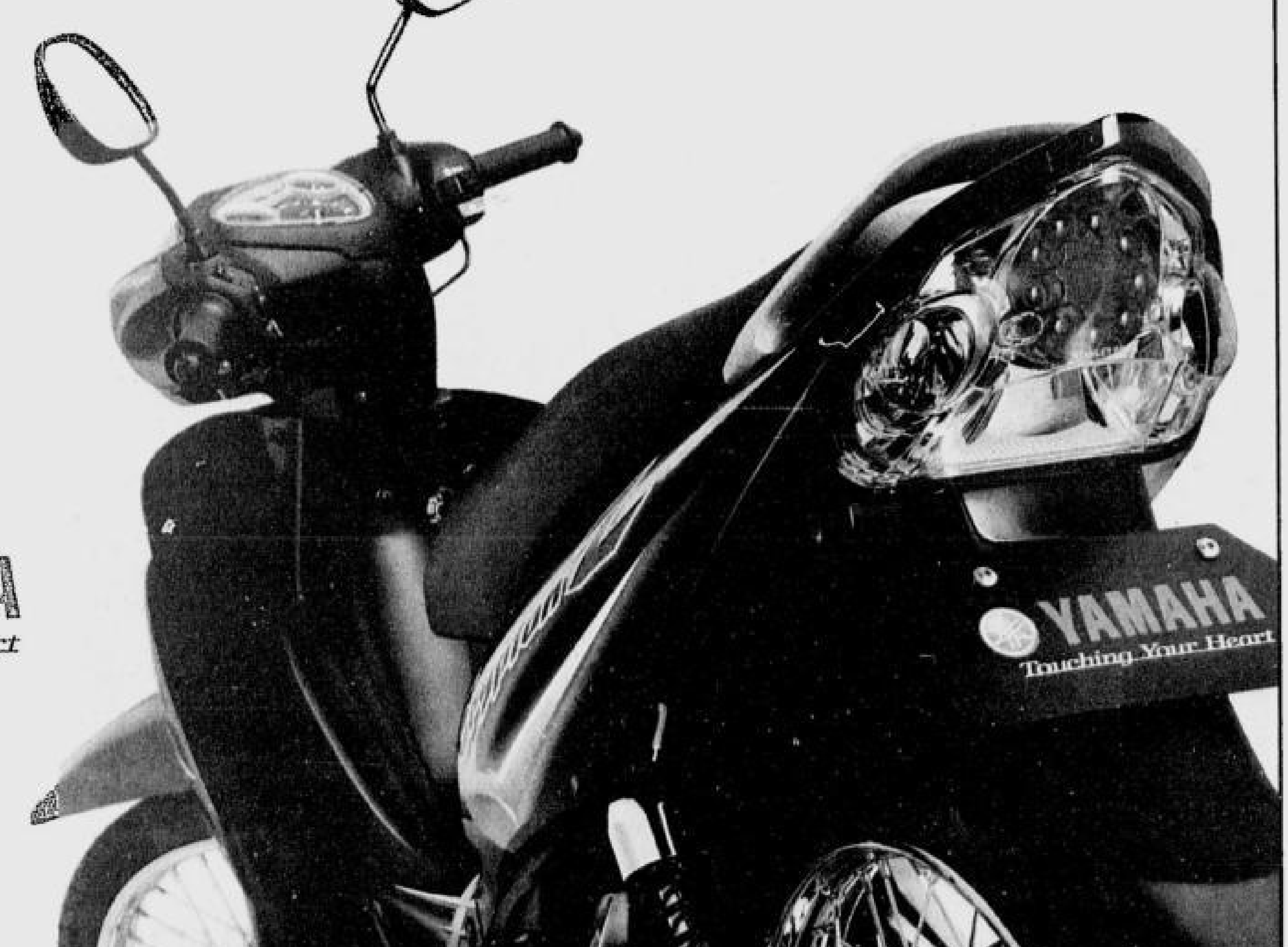

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WB raises RP growth forecast for '07

Country's GDP rise may be highest in SE Asia, bank says

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE WORLD BANK HAS upgraded its economic growth forecast on the Philippines for this year and the next, as the bank keeps an upbeat outlook for emerging East Asia—the world's fastest growing region.

In its twice-a-year East Asia and Pacific update released yesterday, the bank said the country's gross domestic product (GDP) would likely grow by 6.7 percent this year, and sustain an expansion of 6.2 percent in 2008.

During its earlier assessment in April, the World Bank projected that the Philippine domestic economy would expand by only 5.6 percent this year and 6 percent in 2008.

Philippine GDP growth jumped to 7.3 percent in the first half of 2007, the highest among the middle-income countries of Southeast Asia and the country's best performance in 20 years.

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East Asia Economic Growth

	2005	2006	2007	2008
Emerging East Asia	7.7	8.3	8.4	8.2
Develop. E. Asia	9.2	9.8	10.1	9.7
S. E. Asia	5.1	5.4	5.7	5.8
Indonesia	5.7	5.5	6.3	6.4
Malaysia	5.0	5.9	5.7	5.9
Philippines	4.9	5.4	6.7	6.2
Thailand	4.5	5.0	4.3	4.6
Transition Econ.				
China	10.4	11.1	11.3	10.8
Vietnam	8.4	8.2	8.3	8.2
Small Economies	7.8	7.2	6.4	6.2
Newly Ind. Econ.	4.9	5.5	5.1	5.1
Korea	4.2	5.0	4.8	5.1
3 other NIES	5.5	5.9	5.4	5.1
Japan	1.9	2.2	2.0	1.8

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BSP cuts key policy rates

FOR THE THIRD time this year, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas yesterday slashed its benchmark interest rates by 25 basis points to hit historical lows, citing its benign inflation outlook and the favorable impact of the sharp peso's appreciation.

The BSP's policy-making Monetary Board brought down its overnight borrowing rate to 5.5 percent and the overnight lending rate to 7.5 percent, BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. announced after the board meeting. These were the lowest levels since the independent central bank was established in 1993.

The fresh monetary easing was widely expected by the financial markets given the peso's steep appreciation against the dollar, the favorable outlook on inflation and the central bank's better control of growth in money supply.

"Liquidity growth continued to slow down for the fifth consecutive month in September; risks pertaining to agricultural output have moderated; more recent regional wage adjustments are not expected to generate additional price pressures; and inflation expectations remain well anchored," Tetangco said.

Tetangco said the Monetary Board, in assessing the upside risks, believed that these risks were manageable.

"Monetary measures implemented last May continue to temper the impact on domestic liquidity of the sustained strong foreign exchange inflows, while the firm peso has cushioned the effect of higher import prices of oil and food, among other commodities," Tetangco said.

Economists expect the fresh mone-

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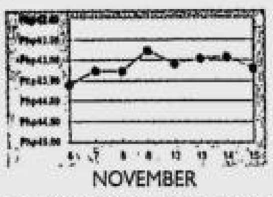

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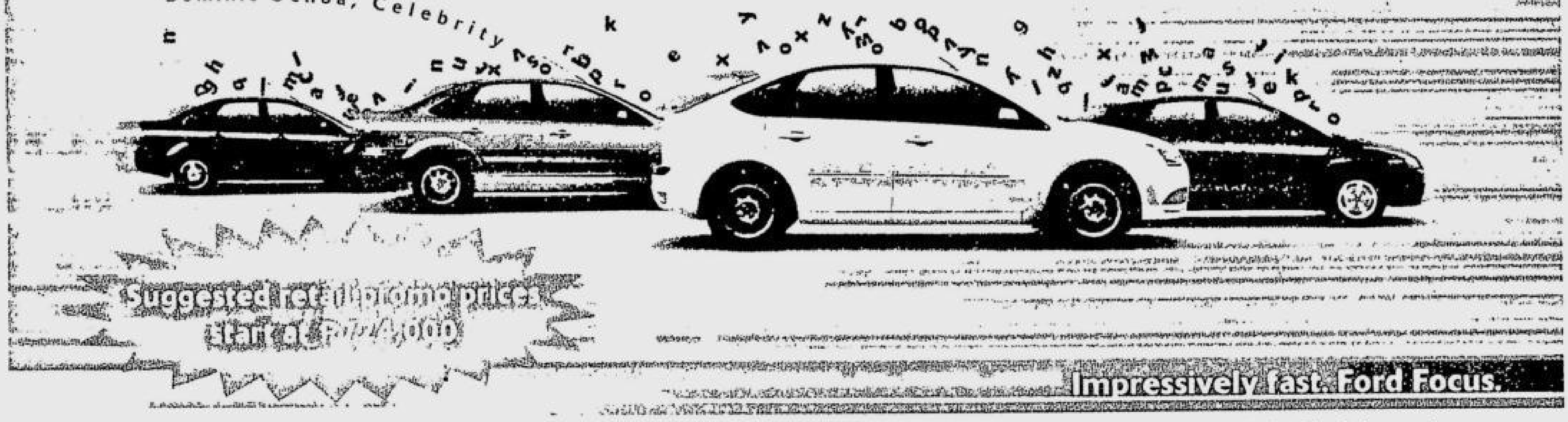
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In race to control transmission grid, 4 groups are left standing

By Abigail L. Ho

ONLY FOUR BIDDER-GROUPS ARE left in the race for the right to maintain, operate and expand the National Transmission Corp., following the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corp.'s issuance last Wednesday of the final list of prequalified bidders for the concession agreement.

Qualified to participate in the final bidding on Dec. 12 are the consortium of Monte Oro Grid Resources Corp. and State Grid Corp. of China, the group of Two Rivers Pacific Holdings Corp. and Terna-Rete Electtrica Nazionale Spa., the joint venture between San Miguel Energy Corp. and TPG Aurora BV, and the partnership between Citadel Holdings Inc. and Power Grid Corp. of India Ltd.

Representing the local counterparts of the bidding groups are Walter Brown for Monte Oro, Jose Ma. Lim for Two Rivers, Ramon Ang for San Miguel Energy, and Amelia dela Rosa for Citadel.

The local groups are actually powerhouses in their respective industries, with Monte Oro being a veteran in the exploration sector, Two Rivers a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Corp., San Miguel Energy, an arm of food and beverage conglomerate San Miguel Corp., and Citadel an investment group involved in aviation support, freight and logistics, and telecommunications.

According to PSALM, the pre-qualification step is a very important one in the bidding process since this determines the financial and technical capabilities of prospective investors.

Evaluating the accuracy, completeness, and validity of documents submitted are the PSALM project management team for the Transco privatization and its counterparts in Transco itself.

Under the bidding rules, a prospective bidder-group must have a net asset value or market capitalization of at least $500 million.

Asean exports seen to take a beating

UBS: Expected slowdown in global economy could weigh on RP trade

By Michelle V. Remo

THE PHILIPPINES' EXPORTS AND those of neighboring countries are seen to take a beating due to the projected slowdown in the growth of the global economy in the next two years.

"Asean exporters will likely find the environment tough," according to investment bank UBS.

The global economy may only expand by 4.3 percent next year, and 4.1 percent in 2009, slowing down from the estimated 4.8 percent this year, UBS said in its latest paper entitled "Asean: Who is Coping with the G3 Slowdown?"

The deceleration is blamed partly on the weakening of investments in the United States and European countries.

In the United States, the credit crunch resulting from the subprime market crisis has been pulling down investments, UBS said.

Problems in the US subprime market, considered a high-risk market for housing loans, peaked in July and August, when international finance institutions faced mounting credit defaults by clients.

The Philippines has already started to feel the effects of a volatile external market, with exports so far failing to meet the expected double-digit growth for the year. In January to September, exports grew by an average of 4.9 percent to $37.203 billion, much slower than the government's original target of 11 percent.

Analysts said that, while the country's export sector is still expected to post growth this year, the rise may only hover between 6 and 6.5 percent.

UBS said, however, that the slower global demand for imports would not be sufficient to pull down overall economic growth in the Philippines and Asean countries. The bank said strong domestic consumption would offset the weakness in exports.

"We project domestic demand to remain lively in Singapore and the Philippines, while accelerating in the rest of the Asean 5—with the acceleration helped along in Thailand and Indonesia by recent interest rate cuts," UBS said.

But, as a caveat, the investment bank said a strong domestic demand may not necessarily offset the decline in exports growth.

Asean governments are not under pressure to loosen monetary policy just to beef up economic expansion, UBS said. In the Philippines, the economy grew 7.3 percent in the first half and exceeded most expectations, although its exports were far from the growth target set, rising by only 6.6 percent.

Instead of working on pump-priming the economy, UBS said, the Asean economies should focus on keeping their currencies from substantial appreciation to protect exporters.

Exporters have asked authorities to intervene in the foreign exchange market and help stabilize the peso, whose upward climb, they said, has eroded their income-generating potentials.

WB raises RP growth forecast for '07

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"High GDP growth, reduced public debt, a balance of payments surplus, falling interest rates, recovering financial markets and high remittance levels by overseas Filipino workers have combined to bring about the highest economic growth achieved by the Philippines in 20 years," said Vera Songwe, World Bank Philippines chief economist.

"The sustained good performance on tax administration remains critical to sustaining this positive environment," she said.

The bank's growth forecast for the Philippines this year was the highest among Southeast Asia's four biggest economies. Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand were projected to grow by 6.3 percent, 5.7 percent and 4.3 percent, respectively.

But for next year, Indonesia was expected to be the best performer with a projected growth of 6.4 percent. Malaysia and Thailand were seen growing by 5.9 percent and 4.6 percent next year.

"The Philippines has demonstrated its ability to perform at par with or better than its regional neighbors on the economic front in recent years. The challenge moving forward is to accelerate the pace of reducing poverty, delivering social services to the poor and attracting job-creating investments," said Maryse Gautier, acting country director for the World Bank.

East Asia as a whole was expected to post a robust growth through next year despite growing concerns about the US property downturn and skyrocketing global oil prices. The region was seen growing in excess of 8 percent this year, for the second year in a row, and moderate only slightly next year.

The World Bank said growth performance and prospects in the Philippines had improved following the substantial fiscal adjustment, public debt reduction and balance-of-payments surpluses of recent years.

"By October 2007, financial markets had largely recovered from the US subprime crisis-induced volatility, notwithstanding a spate of corruption scandals featuring prominently on the political landscape," the report said.

But the bank warned that a shortfall in targeted tax revenue in 2007, unless rectified, could undermine the government's aspirations to strengthen infrastructure and eliminate the national government deficit in 2008.

The bank sees developing countries from East Asia remaining resilient despite a projected US-led economic slowdown next year.

"There is a significant probability that the subprime crisis, the associated credit squeeze and rising oil prices could force a more substantial downturn in the developed world, in particular in the US," the report said.

The bank's projections for regional growth in 2007 and 2008 had been substantially increased compared to six months ago, mainly due to the unexpected and large domestic demand-led acceleration of growth in China. The bank also noted that this year's pick-up in East Asia had occurred despite an already substantial decline in US import growth, and some more modest slowing in the region's own exports.

NFA steps up palay buying operations

By Amy R. Remo

DUE TO THE RECENT HIKE IN THE PRICE of palay, the National Food Authority raised its palay procurement to 7,411 bags a day from a previous daily average of 1,500 bags.

Last month, the government has increased the NFA's support price from P10 to P11 a kilo for clean and dry palay.

According to the NFA, the increase in procurement has encouraged more farmers to start selling their harvests to the agency.

Farmers who sell their palay to the NFA would continue to enjoy the incentive of P0.25 a kilo for palay that met the NFA's moisture content requirement.

Farmers' cooperatives will get an additional P0.25-a-kilo incentive if they sell their produce to the government.

The incentives brought to P11.25 per kilo the NFA's buying price for palay from individual farmers, and to P11.50 per kilo for those sold by farmer-cooperatives.

The new prices apply to clean and dry palay with 14 percent moisture content.

NFA Administrator Jessup P. Navarro said the support price increase and the corresponding hike in the volume of palay bought daily provided the agency a better chance to meet this year's palay procurement target.

NFA's palay procurement peaks in the last quarter of the year.

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"Our stock market is moving in line with the tone of the global markets," said Summit Securities president Harry Liu, citing risks such as the US subprime worries and higher oil prices.

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BSP cuts . . .

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tary easing to boost the interest-sensitive sectors of the economy such as construction, real estate and investment, in turn supporting the country's robust growth.

The national government, the biggest borrower of funds from the domestic market, is likewise seen to benefit through lower debt servicing while the BSP itself is expected to trim expenses incurred in the mopping up excess liquidity in the system.

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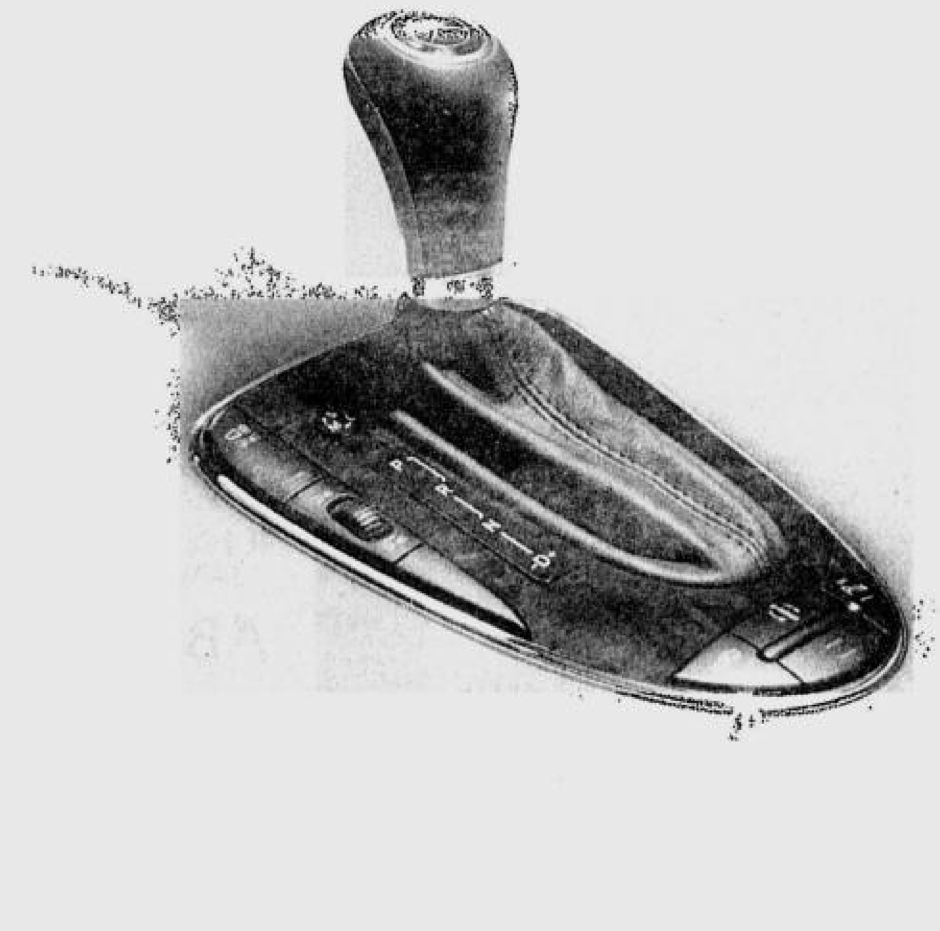

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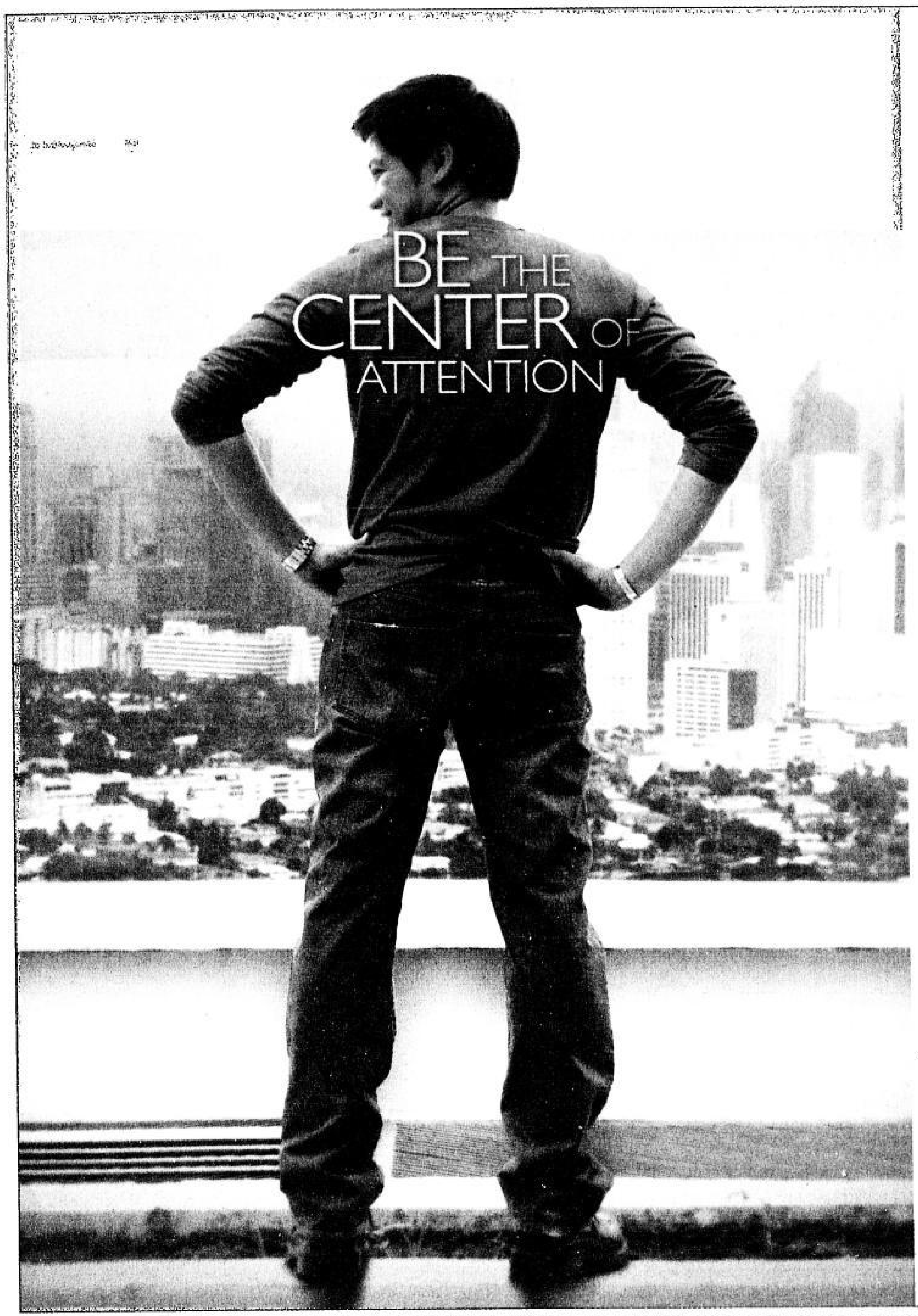

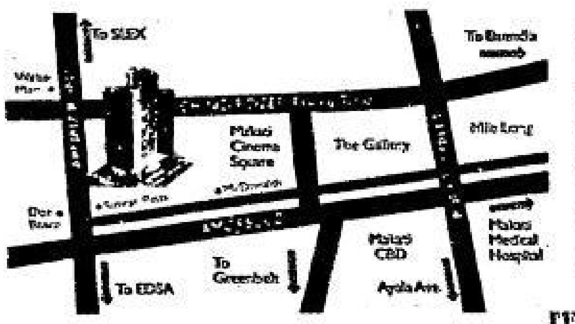

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Splash stocks take a plunge

By Elizabeth Sanchez-Lacson

[illegible] RODU[illegible] GIANT [illegible] Corp. [illegible] lower on i[illegible] [illegible]iden de[illegible] yesterday over investor concerns that the stock was a bit pricey.

According to three brokers, Splash went flat on its maiden trading day as investors perceived the stocks to be expensive, offered at P8.98 a share.

Splash, trading under the symbol "SPH," closed at P8.50, about 5.6 percent or 48 centavos lower than its offer price. It opened flat at P9 a share.

Based on its offer price, the company has a market capital of P6.7 billion.

It recently raised P2 billion in fresh capital from an initial public offer.

"At 14 times price to earnings for 2008, the assumption is the company will grow by 40 percent in net income next year," said one local broker who declined to be named. "We were not totally convinced on its growth story because of undisclosed brand acquisitions and new products to be launched."

Despite the weakness in initial trade, Splash chair Rolando Hortaleza said company shareholders and management believe that the personal care products giant has a solid strategy and a good lineup of products to be launched.

Communication, transport sectors post highest growth

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE BANKING SYSTEM'S LENDING to the economy posted a year-on-year growth of 6.2 percent in September.

This was, however, lower than the six-year high growth of 7.1 percent in August, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas yesterday said.

"Bank lending to all sectors of the economy, except mining and utilities, posted expansion during the period," BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. said.

Loans to the transportation, storage and communication sector led the expansion, growing by 23.7 percent.

Loans to the manufacturing sector—which represented one-fifth of total loans—posted growth after registering declines in the previous seven months.

The construction as well as the wholesale and retail trade sectors also posted growth in bank borrowings of 11.6 percent and 5 percent, respectively.

"The easing of the BSP's policy (interest) rates last October is expected to further encourage bank lending and investments, and provide the necessary boost to the economy," Tetangco said.

In the meantime, the growth in lending to the agriculture, fisheries and forestry sector as well as the community, social and personal services sectors declined to 3.9 percent and 11.8 percent, respectively, from 6.1 percent and 12.6 percent in the previous month.

Including their lending to the BSP, the growth in bank lending eased slightly to 4.4 percent year-on-year in September from 4.5 percent in August.

On a month-on-month basis, seasonally adjusted lending excluding loans to the BSP declined by 0.3 percent, a reversal of the 0.2-percent growth posted a month ago.

Tetangco said nonbank sources of corporate funds had also increased, indicating a diversification of funding sources by the corporate sector.

"The BSP continues to closely watch credit trends to ensure that developments in bank ending and other sources of financing are consistent with the price stability objective, "the BSP chief said.

Local small investors

Corporate Securities Info

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BARRING ANY HITCHES, THIS year's bumper crop of initial public offerings will be capped by the IPO next month of Petrolift Inc., a corporation engaged in the delivery of oil and gas products.

Although investor fatigue is a looming possibility, three companies have already expressed their intention to go public early next year.

The use of IPOs to raise funds is indicative of the growing sophistication of our local businessmen. Relying less on traditional bank borrowing, they are exploring alternative financing measures to meet their funding requirements.

For the public, especially those with disposable income, the IPOs present an opportunity to invest in companies that have the potential for growth.

The return on investment may come either in the form of cash or stock dividends, or profit that may be earned from the sale of the stocks sometime in the future.

Without belittling the profit angle, the more significant effect of IPOs is the broadening of the base of ownership of the corporations whose stocks are traded in the stock exchange.

For the protection of the investing public, the Securities and Exchange Commission has laid down strict rules on the conduct of IPOs.

Allocation

The release of information about the stocks, the determination of the offer price and their allocation are monitored closely to ensure transparency and fair treatment of the transacting parties.

A key party to the IPO process is the underwriter, or the investment house or universal bank that undertakes and guarantees the distribution of the shares to the public.

Days before the scheduled IPO date, the underwriter conducts a "book- building process," which involves the determination of the parties that will be given the opportunity to buy the offered stocks.

Under existing rules, up to 60 percent of the amount of these shares may be set aside by the underwriter for qualified institutional buyers, e.g., mutual funds, pension funds, universal banks or trust companies.

These buyers are primarily engaged in the purchase or sale of securities and have sufficient funds in their coffers to meet the ups and downs of stock trading.

Next on the allocation list are "local small investors" or subscribers who are willing to buy individually the minimum allowable number of shares or whose subscriptions do not exceed P25,000 each.

At least 10 percent of the offered shares must be reserved for these investors, although the percentage may be increased or decreased by the SEC depending on the market situation.

Price range

By way of sweetener, the shares allocated for these investors shall be priced at a 10-percent discount from the final offer price.

The time-tested technique to successfully tap this market is to put out advertisements in the broadsheets about the IPO and to announce the preferential treatment given to such investors.

The advertisement contains the application form to be filled out and the documents the interested investor must submit to the underwriter to avail of the discounted shares.

If the demand for local investors' subscription is five times or more than the initial 10-percent allocation, the number of shares may be increased to 15 percent.

When this happens, the underwriter has the discretion to decide on the discount on the offer price it may want to give to shares in excess of the initial allocation.

In case the demand for shares by small investors goes beyond the 15-percent allocation, the underwriter shall allocate the shares by balloting.

Selection process

With the advent of the computer age, the balloting is no longer done manually, as originally prescribed in the SEC rules.

A software program is already available for this purpose. The process starts with a random number being assigned electronically to each applicant investor.

The number of shares that the applicant wants to subscribe to is indicated beside his or her name.

After the deadline for the submission of subscription application lapses, the applications are sorted out, from lowest to highest, according to the sequence of the random numbers generated.

A computer picks out the numbers selected until the full quota of the allocated shares is filled up.

With human intervention held to the minimum, the selection of the applicants is conducted in a fair and just manner.

If the unlucky applicant has already remitted his payment for the offered shares, the underwriter has to return the money within five banking days from the end of the offer period.

The small investor should bear in mind that not all IPOs are created equal. Some turn out to be good investments in terms of share prices or dividends; others wind up as financial disasters.

If the money the investor plans to use for the offered shares is something he cannot afford to lose, he should keep his hands off the IPO.

Only those with disposable income, and will not wind up in the dog house if they lose it, should dabble in the stock market.

Incidentally, after the allocations for the institutional buyers and small investors are made, the balance of the offer may be distributed by the underwriter to its clients or the general public.

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FLI nets P1.3B in 1st 9 months

FILINVEST LAND, INC. (FLI), SAID ITS NET income surged 96 percent to P1.306 billion in the first nine months, from P666 million in the same period last year, buoyed by residential sales and rental income.

"The jump in earnings was due to the strong sales take-up of FLI's residential projects, as well as rental income contribution from Filinvest Supermall and the company's office buildings," FLI president Joseph M. Yap said in a statement sent to the Philippine Stock Exchange.

Yap disclosed that revenues from real estate sales reached P2.3 billion as the company's core business of affordable and middle-income housing continue to enjoy strong demand, mostly from overseas Filipino workers.

As of September, the company's total assets stood at P44.9 billion from P40.8 billion as of the end of 2006. *Elizabeth Sanchez-Lacson*

CURRENCIES

November 15, 2007

Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Dollar Equivalent	Peso Equivalent
United States	Dollar	0.682314	1.000000	42.9200
Japan	Yen	0.006124	0.008976	0.3852
United Kingdom	Pound	1.401201	2.053600	88.1405
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.087604	0.128393	5.5106
Switzerland	Franc	0.607095	0.889759	38.1885
Canada	Dollar	0.706037	1.034768	44.4122
Singapore	Dollar	0.471570	0.691133	29.6634
Australia	Dollar	0.614421	0.900495	38.6492
Bahrain	Dinar*	1.816115	2.661698	114.2401
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.182657	0.267702	11.4898
Brunei	Dollar	0.469946	0.688753	29.5613
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000074	0.000109	0.0047
Thailand	Baht	0.021730	0.031847	1.3669
UAE	Dirham	0.185861	0.272398	11.6913
EU	Euro	1.000000	1.465600	62.9036
Korea	Won	0.000747	0.001095	0.0470
China	Yuan**	0.091891	0.134675	5.7803
Denmark	Kroner	0.134213	0.196703	8.4425
India	Rupee	0.017415	0.025523	1.0954
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.204103	0.299133	12.8388
New Zealand	Dollar	0.521487	0.764292	32.8034
Sweden	Kroner	0.108416	0.158894	6.8197
Taiwan	Nt Dollar	0.021144	0.030989	1.3300

Source: Reuters' forex closing prices as of NY time—Nov. 14, 2007
* Various banks in Bahrain as quoted in Reuters' Screen.
** Asian time closing rate as of Nov. 14, 2007

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

HIGH	LOW						
		BANKS					
[illegible]	[illegible]	Asiatrust Development Bank Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
73	43	Banco de Oro-EPCI Inc.	56.5	57	55.5	56.5	[illegible]
73.5	53	Bank of the Philippine Islands	67.5	67.5	66	66.5	1,025,700
748	540	China Banking Corp.	705	705	700	700	1,730
23.5	18.5	Citystate Savings Bank	23.25	23.25	23.25	23.25	300
0.63	0.36	Export and Industry Bank Inc.	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	1,160,000
75.5	47.5	Metropolitan Bank and Trust Co.	58	58	56	56	2,690,700
65.5	39	Philippine National Bank	46	48	45.5	45.5	276,400
68	46	Philippine Savings Bank	62	62	62	62	1,000
39.57	19.13	Rizal Commercial Banking Corp.	25.5	25.5	24.75	25	8,374,900
90	61	Security Bank Corp.	73.5	73.5	73	73	241,000
[illegible]	[illegible]	Union Bank of the Philippines	43.5	44	43.5	43.5	[illegible]
		OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS					
5.8	1.92	ATR KimEng Financial Corp.	4.25	4.4	4.25	4.25	113,000
2.22	0.8	Bankard Inc.	2	2	1.98	1.98	1,488,000
16.25	4.6	CitisecOnline.com Inc.	12.5	13	12.25	12.5	263,400
1.6	0.5	First Abacus Financial Holdings Corp.	1.02	1.02	1	1	70,000
42.5	29	First Metro Investment Corp.	42	42	42	42	5,000
6.9	4.9	I-Remit Inc.	5.2	5.2	5	5.2	231,000
5	2.85	National Reinsurance Corp. of the Phils.	3.05	3.15	3.05	3.15	765,000
1,390.00	242	The Philippine Stock Exchange Inc.	1,150.00	1,150.00	1,145.00	1,150.00	7,060
2,500.00	1,970.00	Sun Life Financial Inc.	2,300.00	2,340.00	2,300.00	2,300.00	350
1.94	1.3	iVantage Corp.	1.52	1.52	1.52	1.52	425,000
		ELECTRICITY, ENERGY, POWER & WATER					
6.2	3.8	Aboitiz Power Corp.	5	5.1	5	5	10,149,000
70.5	49	First Gen Corp.	61	61	60.5	61	382,900
92	51	First Phil. Holdings Corp.	76	76	75	75	1,133,600
17.5	8.8	Manila Water Co. Inc.	16.75	17	16.75	17	10,176,900
105.45	26.82	Manila Electric Co.	78.5	78.5	77.5	77.5	194,700
7.8	4.1	PNOC Energy Development Corp.	7.1	7.2	7.1	7.1	48,934,000
7.4	3.95	Petron Corp.	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.2	3,353,000
14.75	6.6	Phoenix Petroleum Philippines Inc.	7.5	8	7.5	7.5	63,000
2.3	1	Trans-Asia Oil and Energy Dev't Corp.	1.72	1.78	1.7	1.74	3,716,000
		FOOD, BEVERAGE & TOBACCO					
6.3	3.2	Alaska Milk Corp.	5.2	5.2	5	5	2,040,000
2.46	1.48	Alliance Tuna International Inc.	1.8	1.84	1.76	1.82	2,221,000
28.5	19.5	Ginebra San Miguel Inc.	24	24	23.5	23.5	38,100
61	39	Jollibee Foods Corp.	48	50	47.5	50	415,600
3.6	2.06	Roxas Holdings	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	10,000
80	51	San Miguel Corp. "A"	52.5	53	52	53	33,000
88	53	San Miguel Corp. "B"	54	54.5	54	54	153,800
20.75	13.75	Universal Robina Corp.	14	14.25	14	14	5,060,200
0.55	0.24	Vitarich Corp.	0.33	0.35	0.33	0.35	150,000
		CONSTRUCTION, INFRASTRUCTURE & ALLIED SERVICES					
6.1	2.65	EEI Corp.	5.2	5.2	5	5.1	797,000
9.2	4.95	Holcim Philippines Inc.	8	8.1	8	8	161,000
7	3.15	Republic Cement Corp.	4.3	4.45	4.3	4.45	35,000
2	0.62	Southeast Asia Cement Holdings Inc.	1.06	1.12	1.06	1.08	6,321,000
		CHEMICALS					
6.3	3.75	Chemrez Technologies Inc.	4.3	4.35	4.3	4.3	741,000
1.46	0.51	Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	70,000
		DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS					
7.4	5.1	Panasonic Manufacturing Phils. Corp.	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	2,000
0.75	0.17	Picop Resources Inc.	0.38	0.42	0.38	0.41	18,810,000
9	8.4	Splash Corp.	9	9	8.4	8.5	23,855,000
		HOLDING FIRMS					
3.9	2.7	A. Soriano Corp.	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	20,000
0.185	0.0525	AJO.net Holdings Inc.	0.145	0.155	0.145	0.15	122,680,000
1.28	0.25	APC Group Inc.	0.63	0.67	0.63	0.65	520,000
0.018	0.0075	Abacus Cons. Res. and Hold'gs Inc. "A"	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	33,000,000
0.019	0.0075	Abacus Cons. Res. and Hold'gs Inc. "B"	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	5,000,000
9.7	5.7	Aboitiz Equity Ventures Inc.	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	203,000
39	18.75	ABS-CBN Holdings Corp. - Phil. Deposit Receipts	36	36	35	35	4,000
0.021	0.009	Alcorn Gold Resources Corp.	0.014	0.015	0.014	0.015	74,600,000
7.3	3.5	Alliance Global Group Inc.	5	5	4.95	5	1,547,000
1.38	0.56	Alsons Consolidated Resources Inc.	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	10,000
2.9	0.89	Anglo-Philippine Holdings Corp.	2.44	2.6	2.44	2.6	14,005,000
645	397.92	Ayala Corp.	595	600	590	595	162,520
15.25	7.39	Bacnotan Consolidated Industries Inc.	14	14	14	14	1,300
5.8	1.64	Benpres Holdings Corp.	4.1	4.15	4.05	4.05	9,525,000
12	4.8	DMCI Holdings Inc.	10.5	11	10.5	11	1,051,000
6.9	1.08	Eton Properties Philippines Inc.	4	4.1	4	4	45,000
8	3.15	Filinvest Development Corp.	6.4	6.5	6.3	6.4	561,000
3.55	1.58	House of Investments Inc.	2	2	2	2	97,000
14.5	7.8	JG Summit Holdings Inc.	11	11	10.75	10.75	606,400
5.9	0.61	Jolliville Holdings Corp.	1.7	1.7	1.58	1.6	62,000
0.95	0.28	Mabuhay Holdings Corp.	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	100,000
11.5	1.5	Minerales Industrias Corp.	6.6	7.3	6.5	7	9,750,000
8.5	2.95	PAL Holdings Inc.	6	6	5.9	5.9	99,000
0.28	0.016	Pacifica Inc. "A"	0.225	0.225	0.215	0.215	147,470,000
0.75	0.19	Prime Orion Philippines Inc.	0.47	0.49	0.46	0.48	5,370,000
2.1	1.3	Republic Glass Holdings Corp.	1.72	1.72	1.72	1.72	10,000
452.5	268.53	SM Investments Corp.	355	355	350	352.5	1,008,920
0.73	0.135	Sinophil Corp.	0.35	0.37	0.34	0.35	4,740,000
1.06	0.61	Solid Group Inc.	0.68	0.68	0.68	0.68	200,000
0.75	0.1	Wellex Industries Inc.	0.31	0.32	0.3	0.31	1,840,000
1.1	0.26	Zeus Holdings Inc.	0.64	0.64	0.58	0.58	210,000
		PROPERTY					
2.34	1	A Brown Co. Inc.	1.54	1.58	1.54	1.58	415,000
8.9	5	Anchor Land Holdings Inc	7.5	7.6	7.4	7.5	37,000
19.25	11.88	Ayala Land Inc.	16.5	16.5	16	16	11,937,200
1.88	1	Belle Corp.	1.28	1.28	1.22	1.24	1,544,000
0.86	0.39	Crown Equities Inc.	0.63	0.65	0.63	0.64	2,990,000
0.83	0.24	Cyber Bay Corp.	0.37	0.4	0.37	0.37	8,350,000
0.99	0.52	Empire East Land Holdings Inc.	0.77	0.77	0.76	0.76	230,000
0.47	0.055	Ever Gotesco Resources and Hold'gs Inc.	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	850,000
1.48	0.61	Fil-Estate Land Inc.	1	1.02	1	1	9,720,000
2.44	1.28	Filinvest Land Inc.	1.68	1.7	1.64	1.68	47,725,000
1.12	0.31	MRC Allied Industries Inc.	0.57	0.57	0.55	0.56	390,000
4.6	1.86	Megaworld Corp.	4.1	4.15	4.05	4.15	82,942,000
6.4	1.5	Metro Pacific Investments Corp.	4.75	4.8	4.75	4.8	433,000
5.2	2.2	Metro Pacific Investments Inc. - Warrants	3.65	3.7	3.6	3.7	606,000
0.7	0.125	Phil. Estates Corp.	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	100,000
0.87	0.32	Philippine Realty and Holdings Corp.	0.5	0.5	0.48	0.48	2,830,000
23	14.5	Robinson Land Corp.	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	1,079,500
5.9	1.93	SM Development Corp.	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	63,000
13.5	7.6	SM Prime Holdings Inc.	11	11.5	11	11.25	6,733,700
4.5	0.38	Sta. Lucia Land Inc.	2.3	2.3	2.24	2.26	752,000
1.34	0.46	Suntrust Home Developers Inc.	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	200,000
7.5	3.65	Vista Land and Lifescapes Inc.	5	5	4.9	5	1,689,000
		MEDIA					
38.5	18.75	ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	34	34	33	33	12,300
12	7.9	GMA Holdings Inc.	8.3	8.3	8.2	8.2	1,919,000
11.75	7.9	GMA Network Inc.	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.1	80,000
1.14	0.9	Manila Bulletin Publishing Corp.	0.93	0.93	0.92	0.92	120,000
		TELECOMMUNICATIONS					
2.12	1.1	Digital Telecommunications Phils. Inc.	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.38	350,000
1,750.00	1,180.00	Globe Telecom Inc.	1,670.00	1,670.00	1,615.00	1,615.00	57,810
3,285.00	2,250.00	Phil. Long Distance Telephone Co.	3,055.00	3,060.00	3,045.00	3,050.00	183,850
8.1	5.5	Pilipino Telephone Corp.	7.1	7.3	7.1	7.3	247,000
		INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY					
0.39	0.17	Boulevard Holdings Inc.	0.19	0.2	0.19	0.2	690,000
12	2.1	Diversified Financial Network Inc.	10.25	11.25	10	11.25	1,779,000
11.5	2.5	IPVG Corp.	8.4	8.6	8.4	8.6	239,000
0.065	0.027	ISM Communications Corp.	0.039	0.042	0.038	0.04	31,600,000
5	1.62	Information Capital Tech. Ventures Inc.	3.95	3.95	3.6	3.6	128,000
0.32	0.048	Island Information and Technology Inc.	0.19	0.19	0.18	0.18	4,200,000
2.08	1.1	Music Semiconductors Corp.	1.48	1.48	1.36	1.44	209,000
0.0725	0.03	Philweb Corp.	0.0525	0.0525	0.05	0.0525	35,100,000
5.8	1.6	Transpacific Broadband Group Int'l Inc.	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.9	679,000
		TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
2.14	1.14	Aboitiz Transport System Corp.	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	50,000
42.5	18.75	Int'l Container Terminal Services Inc.	40	40	38.5	39.5	1,300,100
2.04	1.06	Lorenzo Shipping Corp.	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	2,000
		HOTEL & LEISURE					
4.25	1.8	Leisure and Resorts World Corp.	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.5	703,000
1.16	0.32	Premiere Entertainment Productions Inc.	1.04	1.04	0.97	0.99	12,657,000
1.2	0.54	Waterfront Philippines Inc.	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.83	800,000
		EDUCATION					
3.7	2.6	iPeople Inc.	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	[illegible]
		DIVERSIFIED SERVICES					
6	2	Macroasia Corp.	5.1	5.1	4.95	5	629,000
17.25	9.8	Pacific Online Systems Corp.	11.25	11.5	11.25	11.5	183,300
30	8.3	Paxys Inc.	8.5	8.6	8.3	8.4	377,000
		MINING					
0.017	0.0085	Abra Mining and Industrial Corp.	0.01	0.011	0.01	0.011	36,600,000
7.2	3.6	Apex Mining Co. Inc. "A"	6.1	6.4	6	6.3	816,000
7.4	3.85	Apex Mining Co. Inc. "B"	6.4	6.5	6.4	6.4	913,000
21.25	7.8	Atlas Cons. Mining and Dev't Corp.	14.5	15	14.5	14.75	1,124,000
14.25	8.9	Benguet Corp. "A"	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.75	18,000
12.75	1.8	Dizon Copper Silver Mines Inc.	10.25	10.75	10.25	10.25	710,900
3.1	0.6	GEOGRACE Resources Philippines Inc.	2.06	2.12	2.04	2.06	45,676,000
0.56	0.18	Lepanto Consolidated Mining Co. "A"	0.49	0.56	0.49	0.53	454,090,000
0.61	0.22	Lepanto Consolidated Mining Co. "B"	0.54	0.61	0.53	0.57	205,050,000
0.038	0.017	Manila Mining Corp. "A"	0.029	0.032	0.028	0.031	3,637,900,000
0.041	0.02	Manila Mining Corp. "B"	0.031	0.035	0.031	0.034	875,900,000
30	2	NiHAO Minerals Resources Int'l Inc.	22.25	22.75	21.75	21.75	939,300
0.021	0.0088	Omico Corp.	0.013	0.013	0.013	0.013	254,300,000
0.015	0.007	Omico Corp. - Warrants	0.0095	0.0095	0.009	0.009	28,000,000
11.25	3.5	Philex Mining Corp.	10	10.25	9.9	10	6,627,000
49	14.75	Semirara Mining Corp.	42	42	41.5	41.5	4,300
1.36	0.49	United Paragon Mining Corp.	0.82	0.88	0.82	0.84	860,000
1.8	0.69	Vulcan Industrial and Mining Corp.	1.22	1.26	1.22	1.24	770,000
		OIL					
0.58	0.25	Basic Energy Corp.	0.32	0.33	0.32	0.33	800,000
0.029	0.0095	Oriental Pet. and Minerals Corp. "A"	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	195,100,000
0.03	0.01	Oriental Pet. and Minerals Corp. "B"	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	28,000,000
13.75	9	Petroenergy Resources Corp.	10	10.25	10	10.25	9,000
0.032	0.0091	The Philodrill Corp.	0.028	0.028	0.028	0.028	192,700,000

AVERAGES			VOLUME	VALUE
Financial	912.53 DOWN	14.13	20,011,940	635,515,465.00
Industrial	4,382.07 UP	10.19	174,016,800	1,384,147,135.00
Holding Firms	2,102.92 DOWN	1.76	434,494,140	683,196,145.00
Property	1,641.93 DOWN	7.92	181,010,400	738,749,720.00
Service	1,829.94 DOWN	1.35	92,303,360	760,901,235.00
Mining & Oil	8,700.45 UP	281.25	5,938,907,500	728,116,640.00
All Shares Index	2,248.02 DOWN	10.83		
PSEi	3,672.22 DOWN	9.40		
		GRAND TOTALS	6,840,744,140	4,930,626,340.00

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OFW remittances rose 12.4% to $1.1B in Sept.

9-month inflow hits $10.5B

By Doris C. Dumlao

MONEY SENT HOME BY OVERseas Filipinos through banks surged by 12.4 percent year-on-year in September to hit $1.1 billion, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas said.

This brought the total overseas Filipino workers' (OFW) remittances in the first nine months of the year to $10.5 billion, 15 percent higher than the inflows in the same period last year.

The monthly remittances coursed through banks have exceeded the $1 billion mark since May 2006.

The strong foreign exchange inflow contributed to the appreciation of the peso, which has emerged as Asia's best performing currency so far this year.

"Local banks continued to provide expanded banking services to remitters and their beneficiaries, encouraging the use of formal channels for cash trasfers," BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. said in a statement.

He noted that local banks had been increasing their remittance centers abroad and establishing tie-ups with foreign financial institutions to better respond to the needs of overseas workers.

Tetangco said the remittance network of local banks had widened to 3,939 units in 2006 from only 1,183 in 2005, while the number of correspondent banks quadrupled in 2006 to reach 3,187.

Based on data from the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, the number of deployed workers in September also rose by 8.7 percent over a year ago. For the nine-month period, however, total deployment was lower by 1.7 percent at 827,275.

"The number of deployed Filipino workers has been growing since July 2007, moderating the contraction seen in the early part of the year," Tetangco said.

The remittances came largely from the United States, United Kingdom, Italy, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Canada, Singapore, Japan and Hong Kong.

The BSP report on remittances does not include funds flowing through informal channels, defined as unlicensed or unregulated operations such as friends, acquaintances or other travelers. However, this so-called leakage in the remittance pipeline has gone down to 5 percent of total inflows from as high as 20-30 percent about two to three years ago.

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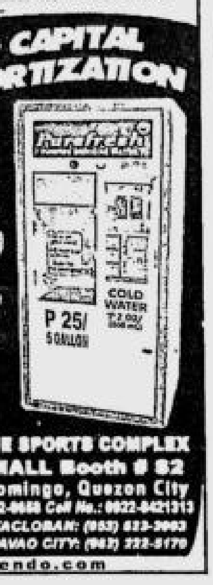

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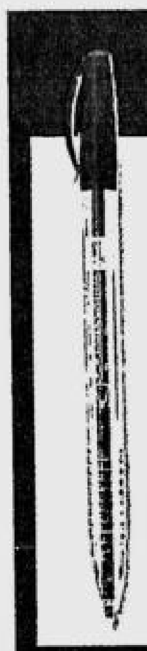

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BIR sees bigger tax shortfall as of Oct

By Michelle V. Remo

THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE said the revenue collection shortfall as of October might increase further as there were P18 billion worth of value-added tax credits that corporate taxpayers have yet to claim this year.

"If the credits are utilized, this will reduce tax collection and will be disadvantageous to the BIR," Internal Revenue Commissioner Lilian Hefti said yesterday.

Hefti explained that the tax credits were composed of input VAT recorded in 2006 that may be claimed this year.

Input VAT is the VAT paid by a company every time it purchases a good or a service with a 12-percent VAT.

Input VAT is deductible from the company's VAT liabilities, which are equivalent to 12 percent of gross sales.

Although the BIR is in dire need of additional revenues, Hefti said the BIR could not prevent firms from claiming input VAT credits because they have the right to do so.

Preliminary figures showed that the BIR collected P52.5 billion in taxes in October, over P10 billion short of the P62.59-billion goal set for the month by the Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC), the interagency body tasked with setting the government's fiscal and macroeconomic targets.

The collection was also short of BIR's own collection target for the month of P58.5 billion.

The anemic collection has thus brought the BIR's revenue shortfall for the first 10 months of the year to over P55 billion using DBCC targets.

To make sure the government stays on track of its fiscal goals this year despite the tax collection woes, it has intensified its privatization program.

The BIR, the biggest revenue earner among line agencies, has been pressured to meet its tax collection target this year to help meet the government's deficit-reduction goal.

But the BIR has already recorded close to a P40-billion shortfall in the first half alone.

This was partly why Malacañang sacked former BIR Commissioner Jose Mario Buñag.

Hefti, a former deputy commissioner at the BIR, served as acting commissioner in July and got her formal appointment in September.

BIR's collection in the first nine months reached P521.9 billion, P45 billion short of the DBCC's target of P566.902 billion.

Giving overseas Filipinos a helping hand

NEARLY every Filipino has a friend or relative working and living overseas. The families of approximately eight million Filipinos overseas are benefiting from the over $14 billion in remittances this year. As much as it is a key driver of the economy, working abroad is part and parcel of Filipino family life.

The stories are familiar to most of us. The nurse who works long hours in North America battling loneliness and exhaustion in order to keep siblings at school back home. A contract worker in the Middle East or a seaman facing the hazards of maritime travel, enduring family separation in exchange for a better life. Finally, there's the doctor who becomes a nurse in lieu of better work opportunities.

Life apart from family is difficult enough for OFWs. The one thing they want to be sure of is that their hard-earned money safely reaches their loved ones back home. Metropolitan Bank and Trust Co. (Metrobank), the country's largest bank, takes this need to heart, designing products and services that provides better value for the OFW and his beneficiaries.

Fast, safe, and reliable. The bank has long been known for providing fast and convenient service to overseas Filipinos wherever they are. Through services like Superbills Padala, an online real time remittance service, a Filipino abroad can send remittances back home in a matter of seconds. An added service is the text messaging system that informs the beneficiary that money has been remitted. Plus, Metrobank offers superior convenience to remitters abroad through its global network comprising eight foreign branches, 27 remittance offices, 40 remittance tie-ups, and more than a thousand correspondent banks in 21 countries.

Better products for beneficiaries. Recognizing that OFWs needs are also evolving, Metrobank continues to introduce new products and services that are in tune with the times. For instance, the World Cash Card offers superior convenience to beneficiaries by getting remittance through over 7,000 ATM terminals all over the country. In addition, the beneficiary can take advantage of all the conveniences that a Metrobank ATM card can offer like paying bills over the ATM and using the card to pay for purchases at Bancnet-accredited merchants.

More services with added value. As the profile of Filipinos working abroad changes, new services are being offered by the Bank for their changing lifestyle and increasing spending capacity. Metrobank has introduced bundled car and housing loan packages for remittance beneficiaries. Through this innovative approach, the Bank helps OFWs and their families realize their dreams and higher goals for a better life.

The Bank also continues to extend its services through partnerships with institutions that help OFWs like PAG-IBIG (formerly known as Home Development Mutual Fund). By signing up PAG-IBIG in its bills payment facility, Filipinos abroad located in Italy, Singapore and Hong Kong can now pay monthly PAG-IBIG membership contributions, housing or multi-purpose loan payments.

Well aware of the hardships that accompany living and working overseas, Metrobank makes it a point to actively support and connect with Filipino communities abroad. Assistance through financial literacy programs and information drive on savings and good investment choices are being extended by the Bank.

While Filipinos working abroad may never truly feel at home until they are reunited with their families, Metrobank offers familiarity of home. The Bank helps by being a reliable financial partner that fellow Filipinos can count on for a better life.

Muscovado making millions

By Ernesto M. Ordoñez

	Farm in Visayas	Farm in Mindanao
Yield Per Hectare (kg)	2,520	6,400
Price/ kg (Peso)	22.22	27.00
Gross Income (Peso)	56,000.00	172,800.00
Production Cost (Peso)	11,400.00	12,400.00
Processing Cost (Peso)	21,520.00	103,680.00
Total Cost (Peso)	32,920.00	116,080.00
Net Income (Peso)	23,080.00	56,720.00

TWO DAYS AGO, MUSCOVADO was the subject of the monthly Good News Kapihan held at Figaro in Greenbelt 3, Makati City.

It was the most productive kapihan I have attended.

The speakers were, at the same time, the forces that can significantly help the muscovado industry make millions of pesos.

This will also benefit millions of people because of muscovado's health benefits.

Good news

When asked what muscovado really was, Jerry Pacturan, executive director of the Philippine Development Assistance Program (PDAP) (09189044457), said: "Muscovado is unrefined sugar. It doesn't have the chemicals necessary to convert this into brown or white sugar."

Because of the increasing health consciousness of consumers wishing to minimize chemical intake, the demand for muscovado has grown. Its prices have therefore increased tremendously.

This is due both to increased market demand and improved quality control.

PDAP's Grace Santos relates the Sultan Kudarat experience: "From January to December 2005, muscovado farm gate prices increased slightly from P14 to P17 a kilogram. But with increased market demand, and the quality measures introduced by PDAP, the price more than doubled to P35/kg in May 2006, the current prevailing farm gate price.

But how profitable is muscovado?

The Canadian International Development Agency (Cida), which has allocated P25 million to support muscovado through PDAP as one of its three priority products, has contributed to the gathering some muscovado financial data (*see table*).

Bad news

What is unfortunate is that all this profit potential can be wiped out with poor quality control. We did research on the downside of the muscovado business.

A sugar industry leader told me yesterday that two coffee shops had canceled their muscovado orders because customers had complained of intestinal disorders.

Upon further research, we found out that while it is true that there exists poor quality muscovado, there has not been one single complaint of a muscovado product that carries the Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD) seal.

To get this seal, the muscovado producer must follow the internationally accepted Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) standards.

Based on a 2005 mill audit done by the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) and PDAP, 93 percent of the muscovado mills still have to meet the required quality standards.

Much has been done since then, but the remaining large task of ensuring quality must be hastened so that the bad muscovado does not affect the reputation of Philippine muscovado in general.

This will not require much money. Pacturan states: "It costs only P1.8 million to construct a first-class muscovado mill to support 100 to 500 hectares of sugar, and much less to upgrade the quality of existing mills."

Government support

At that kapihan, Cornelio Castañeda Jr. (09186620953), president of the Sultan Kudarat Farmers and Millers Cooperative and chair of the Muscovado Sugar Industry Committee (Musico) covering 11 provinces, asked for more government support, specially in the area of loans with reasonable interest rates.

Promoting Rural Industries and Marketing Enhancement (PRIME)'s 2006 publication, "Prospect of the Muscovado Sugar Industry in the Philippines," states that: "Majority of the respondent mills (244 or 95 percent) did not access external sources of financing ... High financing charges have deferred farmers from availing [themselves of] loans. Private lenders in Pangasinan charge over 100 percent interest a year (8.75 percent a month). Private lenders in Tarlac charge 56.4 percent annually."

Action

The best part of last Tuesday's *kapihan* was the the action that followed the exposition of muscovado facts and figures.

Department of Agriculture (DA) Undersecretary Bernadette Romulo-Puyat, responsible for both credit and international trade, said that muscovado demand far exceeded supply. This is specially true in the export market, where organic muscovado sells for as much as P250/kg, as compared to the domestic market price of P65/kg.

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Romulo-Puyat then announced the recent availability of P400 million to support organic products like muscovado: P200 million from DA, and P200 million from the Development Bank of the Philippines.

She has already scheduled a meeting next week to discuss with PDAP and the Musico how these funds can be accessed by the muscovado farmers. It is also hoped that the Musico, which is not yet recognized by DA, will be given the appropriate attention and support.

The private sector will add momentum to the muscovado movement. Chit Juan, Figaro president and the most frequent international representative of the Women's Business Council of the Philippines because of her proven entrepreneurial and export expertise, has offered her advice and business connections to help grow the muscovado industry.

It is hoped that from this kapihan, muscovado will not only get a much needed boost. The format of action following the exposition will also be followed by similar kapihans so that optimum results can be achieved for the nation.

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Aboitiz completes purchase of plant stake

By Abigail L. Ho

LISTED FIRM ABOITIZ POWER Corp. has completed its $91.9-million purchase of a 34-percent stake in STEAG State Power Inc., making it part owner of a 232-megawatt (MW) coal-fired power plant in Mindanao.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange, Aboitiz Power corporate secretary M. Jasmine Oporto said that with the completion of the sale, the company was now equity partners with majority shareholder Evonik Industries AG (formerly STEAG GmbH), Germany's fifth largest power producer.

Evonik holds a 55-percent stake in STEAG Power, while State Investment Trust Inc. holds the remaining 11 percent.

STEAG Power's plant is located within the Phividec Industrial Estate in Misamis Oriental.

It has a 25-year power purchase agreement with the state-run National Power Corp., which is backed by a performance undertaking issued by the national government.

The build-operate-transfer plant started commercial operations on Nov. 15, 2006, and enjoys a six-year income tax holiday from the Board of Investments.

Completed ahead of the January 2007 schedule, the full commercial operation of the $305-million power facility effectively jacked up the Mindanao grid's reserve margin from a critical 13.2 percent to 24.6 percent in November 2006, beyond the 21-percent required reserve margin for the grid.

Apart from increasing the grid's reserve margin, the operation of the new coal-fired power plant likewise reduced the use of oil-based plants in Mindanao to 13 percent from between 26 percent and 32 percent.

The coal plant contributed some 16 percent to Mindanao's power generation mix.

Cheap hydropower continued to dominate the mix at 61 percent.

During the plant's inauguration in January, President Macapagal-Arroyo urged STEAG to consider putting up additional power capacity in Mindanao by expanding the capacity of its coal-fired power plant or building a new plant.

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Food for thought: MDC unveils new combined nutrition and culinary arts degree program

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But while someone can learn the proper techniques of food preparation at a culinary school, he or she may not know how a sumptuous meal could be made healthy. In the same vein, a student studying dietetics and nutrition can easily plan a nutritious meal, but not be able to put together an appetizing one.

Why not learn both under a single program?

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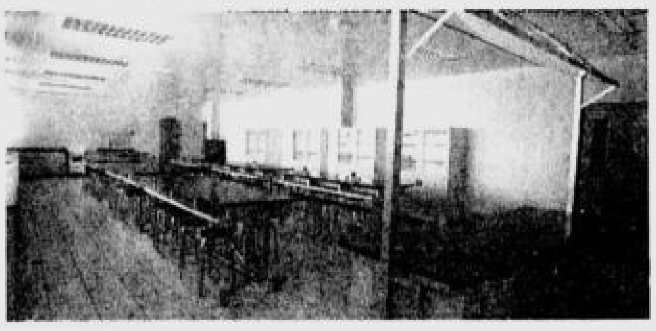


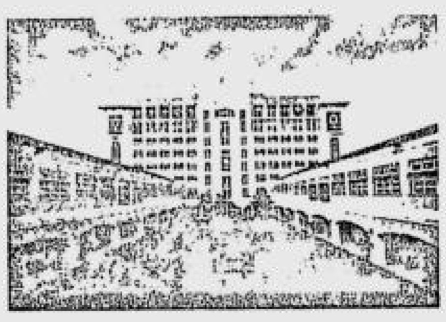
The first of its kind in the country, the program is designed for students who seek to apply nutrition principles in their culinary skills. In addition to preparation courses, the core program provides training in various areas of nutrition and culinary studies. Two fully equipped nutrition laboratories serve as a venue for hands-on training and testing.

For their on-the-job experience, the Manila Doctors has tied up with leading institutions in the hospitality, food service, and health care industries, such as the Marco Polo Hotel in Cebu, among others.

Equipped with knowledge of and skills on two fields of studies, BS Holistic Nutrition with Culinary Arts graduates could pursue a relatively wide range of alternative career paths in the dietetics departments of hospitals, schools, or other institutions.

Growing public interest in healthy lifestyles has created a demand for dietitians and nutritionists in the country and overseas. According to the American Dietetic Association, dietitians and nutritionists earn between US$53,800 to US$62,000 annually, with those in food and nutrition management and in education and research being paid the highest. An existing reciprocity agreement of the Commission on Dietetic Registration for the American Dietetic Registration with the Philippines allows registered Filipino dietitians to work in the US.

For more information on the BS Holistic Nutrition with Culinary Arts program, call 8590888 or log on to www.mdc.edu.ph.



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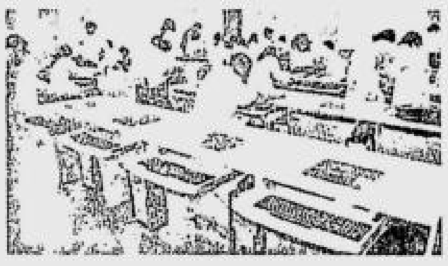

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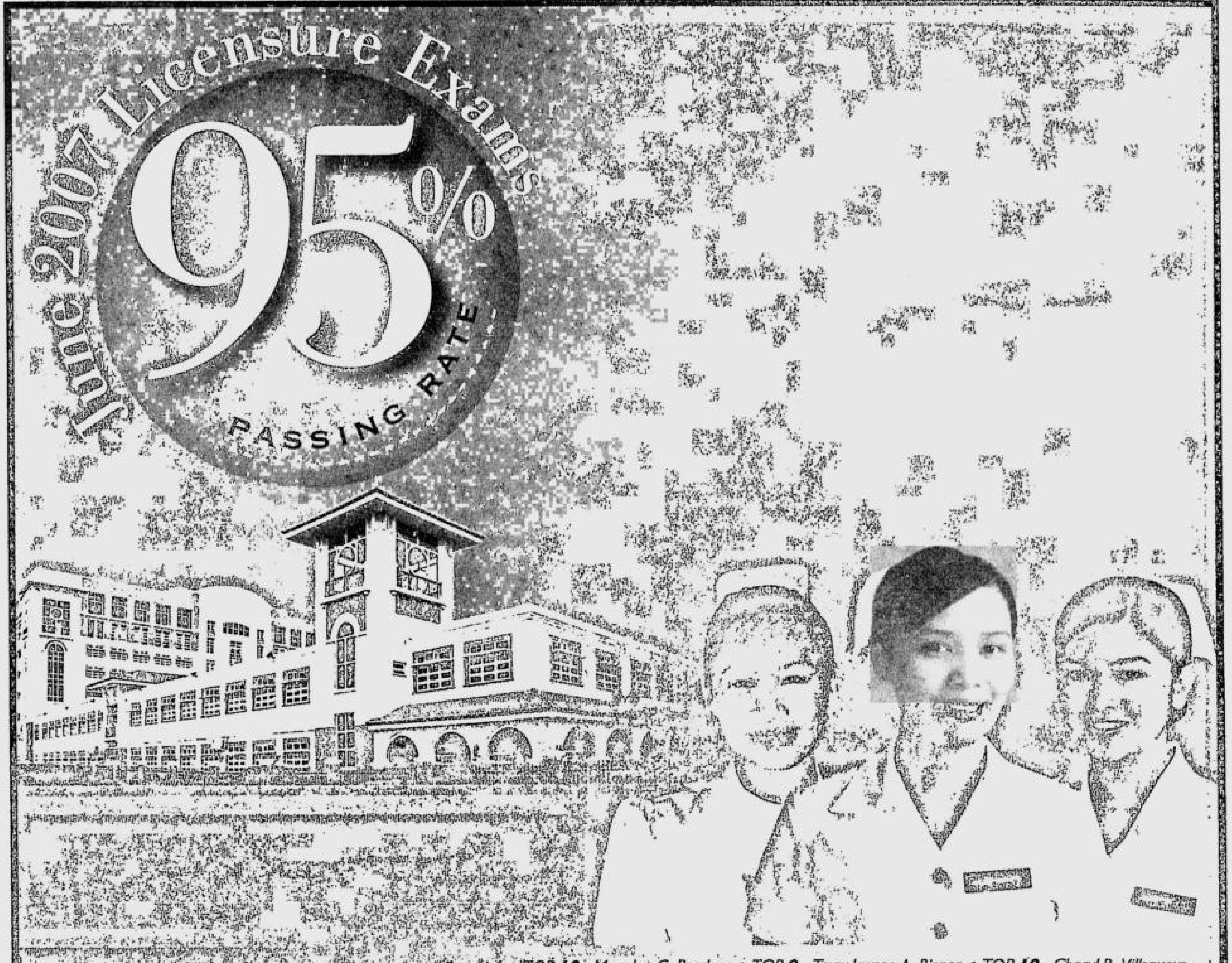

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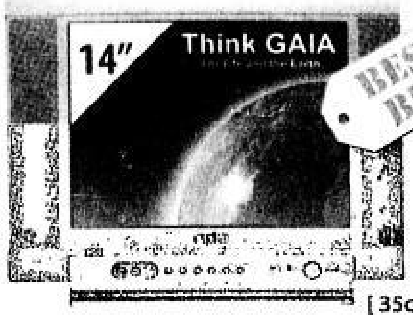

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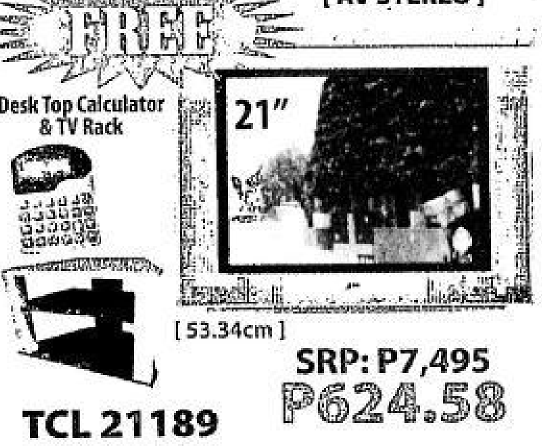

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- 21" Semi-flat CTV

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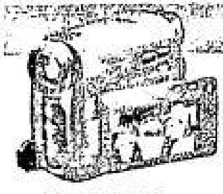

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- 34x Optical Zoom 800x Digital Zoom
- 6.86cm (2.7") Wide LCD

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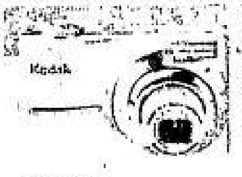

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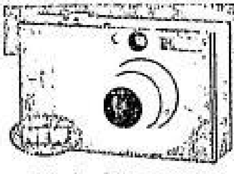

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- 3x Optical zoom
- DIGIC III Engine
- ISO 1600 and Auto ISO Shift
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P200

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- Progressive Scan component video
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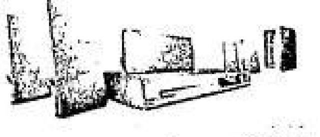

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SRP: P47,980
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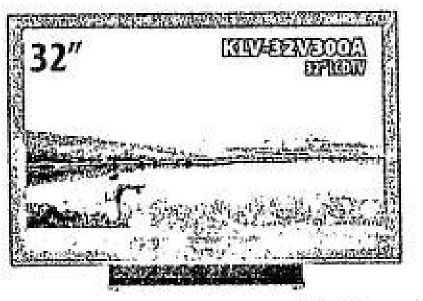

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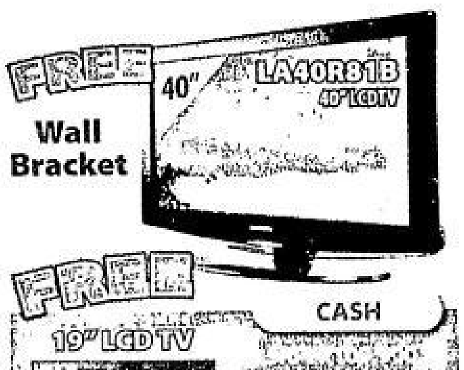

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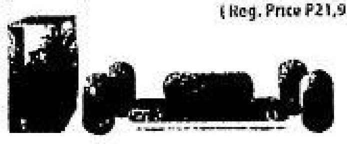

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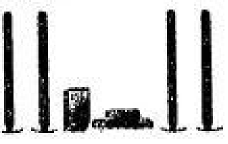

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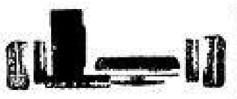

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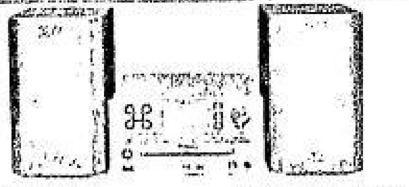

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- DivX/ DVD/ VCD/ CD/ WMA/ MP3 Playback
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- Karaoke Function

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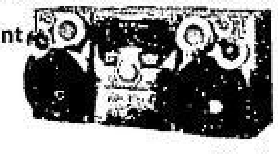

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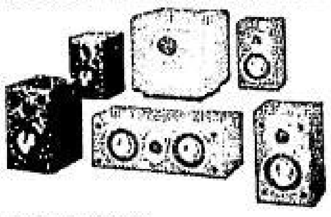

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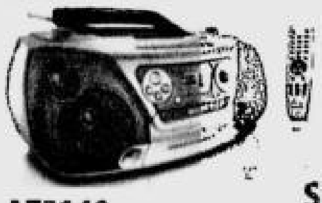

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- 1000 Phonebook Entry
- MicroSD Card Slot / 60MB Phone Memory

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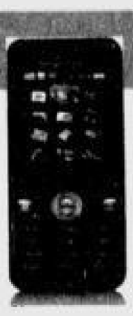

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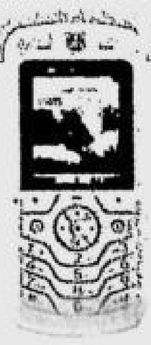

L6 (Black / Silver / Pink)
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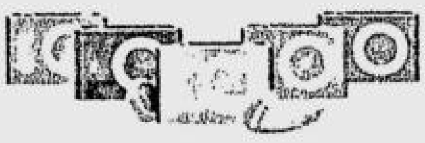

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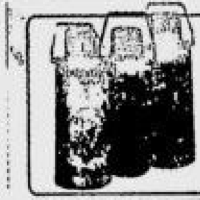

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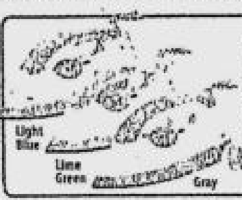

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- With Fuse
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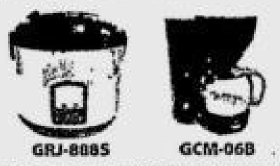

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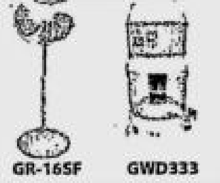

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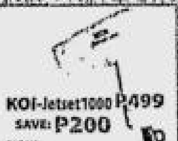

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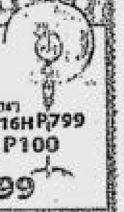

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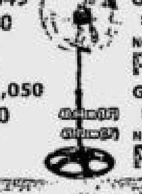

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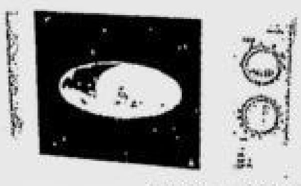

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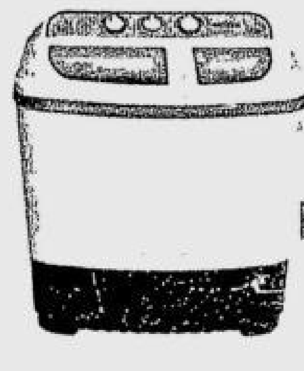

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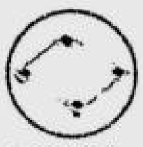

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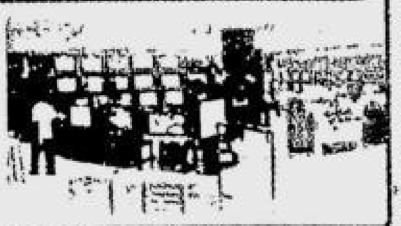

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- Familiar with US Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and Philippines Accounting Standard
- Familiar with Peoplesoft Accounting System
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NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION/S FOR ALIEN EMPLOYMENT PERMIT/S (AEP/S)

Notice is hereby given that the following companies/employers have filed with this Regional Office application/s for Alien Employment Permit/s:

Name and address of Company/Employer	Name of Foreign National/Citizenship	Position
MJVB GLOBAL PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT (MJVB GLOBAL) INC. 701 Medalla Bldg., Cubao, Quezon City	Jan Peter Bouter Dutch	Operations Manager
TWIN IMPORT & EXPORT AND CUSTOM BROKERAGE, INC. Suite 700 D. Vicente Madrigal Bldg., Ayala Ave., Makati City	Raju Rajwani Indian	General Manager
C & G GOLF PHILIPPINES INC. Unit 105 Residencia 8888 Pearl Drive, Ortigas Center, Pasig City	Hoi Jeong Park Korean	Sales Manager
C & G GOLF PHILIPPINES INC. Unit 105 Residencia 8888 Pearl Drive, Ortigas Center, Pasig City	Sang Bum Kim Korean	Operations Manager
ASIA PACIFIC ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICE INC. 10/F APC Bldg., No. 3 Humabon St., Magallanes, Makati City	Seok Gyu Lee Korean	Asst. General Manager
TAKENAKA CORP. 18/F Tower 2, The Enterprise Center, 6766 Ayala Ave. cor. Paseo de Roxas, Makati City	Andrew Martin Byrne Irish	IT Manager
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK 31/F Philamlife Tower, 8767 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City	Barry Edward Marshall American	Vice President, Global Solutions Delivery Manager
CHONTA CHICKEN BARBEQUE 643 Gen. Malvar St., Brgy. 698, Malate, Manila	Tongiel Han Korean	Marketing Officer
HARVARD ACADEMY LANGUAGE EDUCATION, INC. 3/F Jocfer Bldg., Commonwealth Ave., Quezon City	Jaeeun Bok (w/o Jung) Korean	President
JE SE GROUP OF COMPANIES PHILS. CORPORATION 3/F Unit 7 Legaspi Tower, 300 Roxas Blvd., Malate, Manila	Sungwoo Jung Korean	Consultant
K. PISCO TRADING CORP. Unit 585 2/F F. Manalo St., San Juan City	Jung Sook Kim (wife of Kim) Korean	Supervisor
K. PISCO TRADING CORP. Unit 585 2/F F. Manalo St., San Juan City	Soonhwa Jung Korean	Manager
PLASTOP ASIA, INC. 1038 Cristobal St., Ermita, Manila	Peter Robert Harris New Zealand	Production Manager

If you have any information/objection to the above mentioned application/s please communicate with the Regional Director.

RAYMUNDO G. AGRAVANTE
OIC, Regional Director

(PDI–November 16, 2007)

ST. JAMES ACADEMY

Malabon Jamerbatch '86 will hold a reunion entitled as " BALIK TANAW" on December 29, 2007, 5pm, at the Oasis, Quezon City.

For inquiries, please call **447-2525** or **0918-9379587**, look for **Arnold Naval** or **Bernice**.

OBITUARIES

OSWALDO "WALLY" TY CABAHUG

Joined his Lord and maker
on November 11, 2007.

Loving parents **Engr. Cesar** and **Clara Cabahug**, siblings and in-laws **Frances**, **Edward** and **Joanell Balao**, **Juvenal**, **Felicity**, **Oscar** and **Vina**, **Marcelino** and **Perlita**, **Orlando**, **Jay** and **Abigail Baluyot**, fiancée **Sol Desa**, nephews and nieces **April**, **Mac-Mac**, **Jonas**, **Nico**, **Arielle**, **Apa**, **Andrea**, **Carlo**, **Princess** and **Miguel** request the readers to pray for his eternal repose.

His remains lie in state at **Nacional Memorial Homes** in Araneta Ave., Q.C. Last rites will be held on the said place this coming **Saturday, November 17 at 8:30 A.M.**

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE for PICC Projects

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) is inviting interested general building contractors with current Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) License to apply for eligibility and to bid and if later found eligible to bid for the project described below:

Project Title	: Proposed Repair, Cleaning and Refinishing of Selected PICC Exterior Walls (Phase 2)
Scope of Work	: Furnishing of all materials, labor, tools, equipment, technical supervision and other services and performing all operations necessary for the completion of the proposed repair, cleaning and refinishing of selected PICC exterior walls (phase 2) all in accordance with the approved plans and specifications and subject to the terms and conditions of the contract
Project Location	: PICC Complex, Pasay City
Approved Budget	: Forty One Million Two Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Pesos (P41,288,800.00)
Source of Funding	: BSP Corporate Funds
Contract Duration	: One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days
Minimum Requirements (Criteria)	
PCAB License	: Registration Particulars of at least "Medium A" (Building and Industrial Plant)
Contractor's Construction Experience	: Should have completed within the last ten (10) years (Nov. 1998 to present) at least three (3) projects involving works with exterior masonry finish preferably granite, washout or shell, piqueta finish. The prospective bidder's largest single completed similar contract must be at least twenty million six hundred fifty thousand pesos (P20,650,000.00) In case of a joint venture, submission of a valid joint venture agreement including the special PCAB license is required and each firm should be able to meet the above stated Contractor's Construction Experience. In addition, the joint venture must have previously completed at least two (2) similar construction projects involving similar magnitude as the proposed BSP project
Certification of Satisfactory Performance	: Should be able to submit certificates of satisfactory performance from the clients of the declared completed similar projects For those contractors who have on-going project/s with the BSP, a certificate of satisfactory performance issued by BSP must be submitted. For previously completed BSP project/s, a certificate of satisfactory performance for the last project shall be submitted
Net Financial Contracting Capacity	: At least Forty One Million Two Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Pesos (P41,288,800.00) *computed as 10 x (current asset less current liabilities) minus (value of all on-going contracts including awarded yet to be started)*
or	
Credit Line or Cash Deposit Certificate	: At least Four Million One Hundred Thirty Thousand Pesos (P4,130,000.00)
PhilGEPS Registration	: Contractors must submit valid proof of registration with the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) to be considered eligible.
Eligibility Statement Forms	
Cost of Forms	: Five Hundred Pesos per set (P500.00/set)
Date of Issuance	: November 16 to 29, 2007 / 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Deadline of Submission	: December 05, 2007 / 9:30 a.m.
Notice of Eligibility/Ineligibility	
Date of Issuance	: December 13, 2007 / 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Bid/Tender Documents Issuance	: Shall be issued only to eligible contractors upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00)
Date of Issuance	: December 13 to 14, 2007 / 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Pre-Bid Conference	
Date and Time	: January 09, 2008 / 9:30 a.m.
Venue	: PCMO Conference Room, 2nd Floor BSP Main Complex, A. Mabini cor. P. Ocampo St., Manila
Submission and Opening of Bids	
Deadline of Submission	: January 30, 2008 / 9:30 a.m.

For inquiries please call BAC Secretariat - telephone no. 524-7011 local 3143.

The venue for the issuance and submission of accomplished eligibility statements and bid documents is at the BAC Secretariat, Room 234, 2nd Floor - Five Storey Building, BSP Main Complex, A. Mabini cor. P. Ocampo St. Manila.

The schedule for issuance of notice of eligibility up to the deadline of submission of bids may be subject to change.

The provisions of Republic Act No. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations shall govern relative to the bidding and award of contract including its implementation.

The BSP reserves the right to reject any and all bid proposals, or declare the bidding a failure or not award the contract and makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) JUAN DE ZUÑIGA, JR.
Chairman

(PDI - Nov. 16, 2007)

CAGELCO II

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

The CAGAYAN II ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (CAGELCO II) is inviting all interested bidders to pre-qualify and to bid for the supply and delivery of materials/equipment specified for the following projects

- I. SUBSIDY PROJECT: Extension of Lateral Line for the Electrification of Brgy. San Juan Sta. Marcela
  - 1. Wood poles and Concrete Poles
  - 2. Construction hardwares and wires
- II. CAPEX PROJECTS
  - 1. 69KV TX Line
    - a. Wood poles
    - b. Suspension Insulators (glass or porcelain)
  - 2. Substation
    - a. Current Transformers, Insulating Class 69 KV
    - b. CT Rated Power Quality Meters
- III. 5% REINVESTMENT PROJECTS: Rehab/Revamp Upgrading Along Distribution Lines
  - 1. Wires, construction hardwares, compression connectors, insulators
  - 2 Fault Indicators
- IV METER FIX
  - 1. CT Rated Kwh Motors
  - 2. Duplex Wires

To be qualified, bidder must have fully complied with the following:

1. Accreditation Requirements (for submission to the Accreditation Committee Chairman, Clarence E. Jacinto)
   - a. Company Profile
   - b. Business Registration
   - c. Business Permit
   - d. BIR/VAT Certificate
   - e. Latest Income Tax Return (ITR)
   - f. List of Clients for a period of three (3) years
   - g. Financial Statement
   - h. Compliance with the must technical specifications
2. Must be able to pay P2,000.00 for bid documents during the pre-bid conference.

CAGELCO II reserves the right to reject any/or all bid without any reason, waive any formality therein, accepts proposal most advantageous to the cooperative and assumes no obligation to compensate or indemnify any bidder for expenses or losses that may be incurred in the preparation of bid nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

Pre-bid conference and bidding schedules shall be informed to all qualified bidders through fax and mails.

Deadline for submission of requirements – December 01, 2007.

(Sgd.) GABRIEL A. TORDESILLAS
General Manager

(PDI – November 16 & 17, 2007)

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Department of Agriculture/Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR) invites eligible Bidders/Manufacturers to Apply for eligibility & to bid for the following project:

1.	Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) 40 units – Constructed Payaos, 3-vacuum type (3mm, 4'x8', steel plates with Epoxy primer and marine enamel topcoat paint with steel cable hemp center, buri fronds & 3 units sinker) 40 rolls – PP rope UV stabilized 18mm x 660m/roll medium laid (sunline) with marker	Php 2,000,000.00
2.	Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) 150 units – PE marker buoy, 4mm well thickness, 15 dia with two (2) pcs. shackle 5/8" and 25 meters PP rope	Php 390,000.00
3.	Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) 200 units – Constructed artificial reefs (1 cubic meter concrete frame)	Php 800,000.00
4.	Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) 2 units – Constructed floating laboratory 4m x 4m with PE float drum	Php 700,000.00
5.	Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) 6 units – Solar Drier	Php 900,000.00

The bid document shall be available at the BFAR Property Section starting Nov. 20, 2007 to Nov. 26, 2007 upon payment of non-refundable fee of Php 2,000.00 for the forty (40) units constructed payaos and PP rope and Php 500.00 each for PE marker buoy, artificial reef, floating laboratory and solar drier.

The Pre-bid Conference shall be at the BFAR Conference Room on Dec. 6, 2007 at 2:00 PM 3/F PCA Bldg., Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City.

The Bidders shall drop their duly accomplished Eligibility Requirement, Technical and Financial Proposals in three (3) separate sealed envelopes in the bid box at the BFAR Conference Room not later than 2:00 PM on December 17, 2007 and shall be opened on the same date by the BFAR BAC in the presence of Bidders' representative(s) who choose to attend.

For more information, please call the BAC Secretariat at Tel. 426-31-68.

BFAR reserves the right to waive any informality in the response to the eligibility requirements and to this invitation. BFAR further reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract, and makes no assurance that the contract shall be entered as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) **MALCOLM I. SARMIENTO, JR.**
Director

(PDI – November 16, 2007)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
Center for Health Development II
SOUTHERN ISABELA GENERAL HOSPITAL
Rosario, Santiago City

SIGH-HOSPITAL BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
Invitation to apply for eligibility and to bid

The Southern Isabela General Hospital (SIGH) hereby invites sealed written bids from interested and eligible suppliers/manufacturers/distributors participate in the bidding for the procurement and delivery of Hospital Supplies and Drugs and Medicines for the CY 2008. Funding sources are from the GOP Allotment for Maintenance and other operating extended. Revolving Funds from Drugs and Medicines and Hospital Retained Incomes.

Application forms for Eligibility shall be available upon payment of non-refundable fees of Five Hundred Pesos (Php 500.00), from November 19, 2007 up to the date before the submission and opening of the bids from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the HOBAC Secretariat, Property & Supply Office, SIGH.

Deadline for Submission of duly accomplished Application for Eligibility and supporting documents shall not be later than the day before the scheduled date of the submission and opening of bids by category. Please bring original copies of all submitted documents for proper authentication.

Interested Bidders can obtain the BID Documents to the HOBAC Secretariat, located at the Administrative Services Office, SIGH from November 19, 2007 up to the date before the opening of the bids by category and upon payment of non-refundable fees as indicated per category. Payment shall be strictly on a cash basis at the hospital Collection Unit.

Categories	ABC	Contract Period	Amount
Drugs and Medicines	10,482,478.00	One year	Php 3,500.00
Medical Supplies	14,427,066.50	One year	Php 3,500.00
Laboratory Supplies	3,939,550.00	One year	Php 3,550.00
Dental Supplies	262,456.00	One year	
X-ray Supplies	117,660.00	One year	

General Pre-bid Conference will be held on November 26, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at the SIGH Conference, Rosario, Santiago City unless announced otherwise.

Bid Quotations must be submitted to the Hospital Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat at the time/dates specified below, which said bids will be opened and evaluated in Public on:

Activities	Schedule	Times
Submission Receipt and opening of Bids	December 1, 2007	10:00 AM
Bid Evaluation	December 3-5, 2007	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Post-qualification of Award	December 7-8, 2007	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Issuance of Notice of Award	December 11-14, 2007	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Posting of Notice of Award	December 17-19, 2007	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Issuance of Contract	December 20-24, 2007	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Issuance of Notice to Proceed	December 26-29, 2007	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Each BID must be accompanied by a Bid Security in an amount at least equal to, and not lower than, a percentage of the lump sum per category of the Approved Budget Cost (ABC) participated in any form as indicated in the Bid Data Sheet (BDS).

All above cited activities shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of RA 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

For further details, please contact the HOBAC Secretariat at telephone No. 078-682-8123, Fax No. 078-682-7687 (Property & Supply Office). The SIGH HOBAC Reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bid, to annual the bidding process, and rejects all bids at any time prior to the award of the contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidders or any obligation to inform the affected bidder/bidders on the reasons for doing so. SIGH - HOBAC assumes no obligation to compensate or indemnify bids nor deem it guaranteed that an award will be made.

Approved by:

(Sgd.) JOSE ILDEFONSO B. COSTALES, JR., MD, MHA, CESE, FICS
Chief of Hospital I

(PDI - Nov. 16 & 18, 2007)

ANNOUNCEMENT
This is to inform the public that:
MR. ARSENIO S. MANONGSONG is the newly elected President of the **KADARAG-AN HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. OF CALOOCAN CITY.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ESTATE OF THE LATE SPOUSES RAMON AND ESTHER MADRID HAS BEEN EXTRAJUDICIALLY SETTLED AS PER DOC. No. 80, PAGE No. 17, BOOK No. I, SERIES OF 2007, BEFORE NOTARY PUBLIC ATTY. BINGLE B. TALATALA OF MAKATI CITY AND AS PER DOC. No. Ack-07-3938, SERIES OF 2007, SERVICE No. 13426, BEFORE VICE CONSUL GINES JAIME RICARDO D. GALLAGA OF THE PHILIPPINE CONSULAR SERVICE, WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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Col. Pedro Ong Galvez	Chapel – D	11/18/2007 after the 2:00 p.m. Mass	Paz Crematory
Victoriano N. Balaoing	Oak Hill Funeral Homes, San Jose, California, USA	17-Nov-07	Oak Hill Memorial Park, San Jose, California, USA

Our Beloved

MARITES MONTES LAUS

November 1, 1961 – November 5, 2007
Peacefully joined our Creator
at the age of 46.

We, the family, request our relatives, friends and colleagues to offer their prayers for her intention.

"Come to Me,
all you who
are weary
and burdened,
and I will give
you rest."
Matthew 11:28

People Management Association of the Philippines (PMAP)
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2nd PMAP Luzon Summit
People Managers: Delivering Business Success!

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On November 16 and 17, 2007 the eight (8) Chapters of the PEOPLE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (PMAP) from Luzon (Baguio, Bulacan, Calabarzon, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Pangasinan, Subic and Tarlac) will hold the 2nd PMAP Luzon Summit. With the theme, "***PEOPLE MANAGERS: DELIVERING BUSINESS SUCCESS!***", this event will be a convergence of professionals with common interest in People Management and Development, not just from Luzon but from all over the Philippines. The conference will significantly cover the spectrum of Human Resource Management by way of an orchestrated relevant program of meaningful topics to be shared by expert Speakers.

With sessions on Good Governance, Change Management, HR Branding, Competency-based Talent Acquisition, Compensation, New Trends, Conflict Management and Work Life Balance, the 2nd PMAP Luzon Summit promises to be a learning alcove for all delegates. The Summit encases plenary sessions, interactive talks, professional networking, exhibits and a fellowship night peppered with fun, colors, food, music, talent showcases, and raffle. All these will happen at the prestigious Fontana Convention Center, Claro M. Recto Highway, Clark Special Economic Zone in Clark Field Pampanga.

PMAP Center, 670 Lee Street, Addition Hills, Mandaluyong City
Tel. nos. 726-1581/1588/1532 www.pmap.org.ph

Message

Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, Pampanga

The Love and Peace of God!

More than in its vision and mission, the identity of an organization is best conceptualized and realized in its name. Like loving parents of a newborn child, its members struggle through the rigors of debate and discussion, because they know that a name so rightfully chosen shall have an influence in the infant's self-esteem and even social life.

When you call yourselves the People Management Association of the Philippines, you strike at the very soul of your profession, for indeed, you do not only manage humans as if they are just one of the many resources needed in the production of goods or services, you interact with people of flesh and blood, with intellect and emotion, whose potentials and abilities are in an eternal state of flux. You are there for them as a conductor is for an orchestra. And what a wonderful harmony a happy and contented work force can create!

It is for this reason that we salute you on the occasion of your 2nd PMAP Luzon Summit. Your involvement in the Philippine business setting is of such an invaluable importance; but more than the economic success that managing people can bring, we believe that your contribution towards the "fullness of life" of each worker, employee or staff is of far greater impact and relevance.

Please accept our humble felicitations and the warmth of Kapampangan hospitality!

Yours in Christ,

(Sgd.) EDDIE T. PANLILIO
Governor
Province of Pampanga

One of man's greatest resources has always been human intellect and skills. When fully tapped and utilized to their optimum level, they form part of the most potent power that can drive businesses and industries to desired levels.

The Clark Development Corporation, thus, shares the objectives of the People Management Association of the Philippines in maximizing human resources as it strives to bring to a notch higher the intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual faculties of people in its member industries

Conducting the 2nd PMAP Luzon Summit, therefore, is a welcome event especially in Clark where there is always high regard for human resources. Your theme "People Managers: Delivering Business Success! is an apt mission statement in this time of renewed need for people mobilization and management.

We would like to congratulate the officers and members behind the success of this event. More power to the organization and Mabuhay!

Thank you very much.

(Sgd.) LIBERATO P. LAUS
President and CEO
Clark Development Corporation

Welcome to the 2nd People Management Association of the Philippines (PMAP) Luzon Summit!

With great pride, I congratulate the Chapters Committee for successfully holding this grand gathering of people managers in Luzon for the second time. In line with this year's PMAP's theme, ***Exploring Beyond, Delivering Results***, this 2nd Luzon Summit addresses PMAP's initiatives and continuous innovations for the improvement of people management theory and practice in the country.

The theme, ***People Managers: Delivering Business Success***, is very apt for the Philippine people management climate. With highly relevant sessions on Good Governance, Change Management, Compensation, Conflict Management and Work Life Balance, among others, I am certain that this summit will no less be effective in achieving its objectives.

I thank all the speakers for selflessly sharing their time and expertise, the Chapters Committee, Luzon Chapter Presidents and their respective members, and the PMAP Professional Staff for their hard work and dedication in ensuring the success of this undertaking. I thank also the sponsors and exhibitors for their assistance, and of course, our delegates who constantly believe in PMAP's vision of a better people manager that is truly Filipino

Mabuhay ang PMAP!

(Sgd.) MARQUEZ O. GO, FPM
PMAP President

Let me extend my warmest greetings to all our guests and participants in the 2nd PMAP Luzon Summit, with the theme "People Managers: Delivering Business Success!"

One of the major aspirations of our organization is to build a prosperous, equitable and competent society. A major foundation in realizing this aim is to be able to generate fair employment and sustained industry growth. To achieve these we must be able to create a higher quality labor force via strong people management principles. Realizing the significant contributions of our industries in the Luzon area, the 2nd PMAP Luzon Summit will provide the expertise and more as we converge as one profession with a common paradigm of delivering business success and sharing best practices.

This is why I take so much pride in our summit for it enables us to reach a noble goal of a stronger nation and provide the starting point for transforming our competitive advantage, that of our human capital.

May the Good Lord Bless Us All!

(Sgd.) JIMMY M. ISIDRO, FPM
Chairman
Chapters Committee

My warmest welcome to all the delegates, keynote and resource speakers to the 2nd PMAP Luzon Summit, with the theme "People Managers: Delivering Business Success!"

This year's theme is based on the belief borne out of varied experiences in many industries across this country: business success is brought about by its human capital. People alone can be held responsible for a company's success and growth. Seasoned human resource professionals readily agree to the realization that people managers are the catalyst for delivering business success.

Every organization now implements different approaches to improve the performance of its human capital. Each organization is shaping its own strategies and range of services based upon need, resources and local culture. Each recognizes the importance of tailoring services to address the individual needs of its stakeholders. Each understands that competent individuals addressing these needs are part of a larger system of corporate initiatives and priorities. Each understands that businesses with a fair share of exceptional human capital are far more likely to succeed than the competitor.

I convey my sincere appreciation to the men and women who have selflessly contributed time, effort and resources with intensified participation, for the success of this Summit: the Officers and Members of the eight (8) Luzon Chapters, the Summit Committee Chairs and Members, the PMAP Professional Staff, and to all our sponsors who have supported us.
Maraming Salamat at Mabuhay kayong lahat!

(Sgd.) LINA A. ASENETA, FPM
2005 PMAP President
Chair, 2nd PMAP Luzon Summit

ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS SERVICE COMMAND
Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City
GHQ & HSC PROPERTY DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO BID

The Armed Forces of the Philippines through the General Headquarters and Headquarters Service Command invites all interested parties to submit sealed proposals for the sale of Two (2) Lots of Material Properties located at Disposal Yard Supply Unit (Provisional), GHQ & HSC, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City on AS IS, WHERE IS" basis The Pre-Bidding Conference will be conducted on November 27, 2007 at 2:00 P.M. Final Pre-Bidding Conference will be on 03 December 2007 at 2:00 P.M. and, the Actual Public Bidding will be conducted on 06 December at 2:00 PM All Conferences will be held at the Daza Park Pavilion, GHQ & HSC, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
One (1) lot	CV-001-07 One Hundred Twenty Three (123) Assorted Salvaged / Junk Vehicles	Disposal Yard, SU(P)
One (1) lot	CV-002-07 One Lot of Assorted Scrap and residue From QM, Engineer, Signal, Ordnance, Medical and Dental items estimated weight of 20 tons	Disposal Yard, SU(P)

The above Unserviceable equipment and scrap materials may be inspected at the Supply Unit (P), GHQ & HSC, CGEA, QC during office hours starting after the Pre-Bidding Conference on 27 November 2007. For Official Bid Forms and inquiries, please refer to the Mr Marlon U Bullong, SAO, Unserviceable Properties and Assistant Chief, Property Realization and Disposal Division, SU(P), GHQ & HSC at Office No. 913-9563 or 911-6001 local 4433 / 4435 and / or Mobile Phone No. CP No. 09174007972

Sealed Bids shall be accompanied by a refundable cash bid securities equivalent to 10% of the total amount of bid Manager, Cashier or Certified Cheques shall be considered and accepted as Cash

The AFP through the GHQ and HSC Property Disposal Committee reserves (1) the right to reject any or all bids to waive any defects or informality of the bids received, (2) to accept the bid most advantageous to the Armed Forces of the Philippines, particularly the AFP Modernization Program and (3) to recommend the award to the highest and most complying winning bidder, subject to CSAFP's approval as recommended by the GHQ & HSC Disposal Committee. CSAFP approval shall be final and binding

(Sgd.) COL FLAVIANO M VALDEHUEZA JR PAF (GSC)
Chairman, GHQ & HSC Disposal Committee

(PDI – November 16, 17 & 18 2007)

Service Contractors & Manpower Cooperatives can they marry & live happily ever after?

THE PHIL. ASSOCIATION OF Local Service Contractors (PALSCON) in cooperation with the Dept. of Labor & Employment will hold a special forum on Thursday, Nov. 22, 2007 (1-5 pm only) at the Technopark Hotel, Greenfield Autopark, Sta. Rosa, Laguna.

The centerpiece of this special forum is clarifying applicability of D.O. 18-02, series of 2002, to Manpower Cooperatives as per DOLE Circular 01-07 issued by Secretary Arturo Brion of the Dept. of Labor.

The guest speaker is Atty. Rebecca Chato, Director of Labor Relations, DOLE, Atty. Ricardo Martinez, Director for Region IV will also Grace the occasion.

Registration fee is Php 1,000.00 only/person. For reservation, please call or text: Fred Castro (0917) 8007089, Loida Bautista (0917) 8174887, Sarah (0917) 8997023, Linda ((0917) 8665768.

High School Students to Benefit From D-WOW Career Expo

EIGHT HUNDRED HIGH SCHOOL students from different private and public high schools in Metro Manila will have the chance to properly choose their future careers through the Discover the World of Work (D-WOW) Career Expo 2007. The Federation of Filipino Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industries, Inc. (FFCCCII) in close partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment – National Capital Region make this career fest possible for the first time. This one day career expo will be held at the ground floor of the Federation Building, Muelle de Binondo, Binondo, Manila from 8:00am to 5:00pm on November 23, 2007.

DOLE-NCR OIC-Regional Director Raymundo G. Agravante said, selected third and fourth year high school students will have the opportunity to peek into what the world of work is like through the career talks and virtual tours to be provided by six participating Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) and seven companies touted to be Key Employment Generators (KEGs). "DOLE believes in influencing the career decisions of our youth to ensure that the country can supply the right kind and number of workers for the projected labor demand within the next few years. D-WOW is different from the usual field trips that most of our students go to. This is a workplace career advocacy tour that will equip our high school students with tools that will shape and spell their future," Director Agravante said.

KEGs are industry sectors expected to grow and will have in demand and hard to fill jobs until 2010 based on the 2006 National Manpower Summit. Companies belonging to KEGs which support this year's career expo are the following: Lamoiyan Corporation (Agri-business), Manila Pavilion (Hotel and Restaurant), Platinum Spa (Medical Tourism), Asian Hospital and Medical Center (Health and Services), Philippine Airlines (Aviation), Aboitiz Transport Systems Corp. - Superferry (Maritime) and Informatics (Cyberservice).

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Re-Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid
Republic of the Philippines

PROCUREMENT OF VARIOUS PHARMACEUTICALS AND TOPICAL (REBID)
IAEB No. 2007-12-11 (36)

1. The Department of Health, through the General Appropriations Act 2007 intends to apply the sum of Three Million Two Hundred Thirty One Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Philippine Pesos (PhP3,231,790.00) being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for the Procurement of Various Laboratory Pharmaceuticals and Topical. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.
2. The DOH now invites Bids from eligible Bidders for the procurement of the above-mentioned Goods. Delivery of the GOODS is required by thirty (30) calendar days. The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB.
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," and is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183) and subject to Commonwealth Act 138 (C.A. 138). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB. The bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine responsiveness of the bid to technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during the post-qualification procedure.
4. Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar project within the last two (2) years with an amount of at least 50% of the proposed project for bidding
5. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the COBAC Secretariat, 2/F. Building No. 6, Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mondays to Fridays.
6. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the above address and upon payment of a non-refundable fee in the amount of One Thousand Philippine Pesos (PhP1,000.00). The method of payment will be on a cash basis only. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.

The DOH will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on November 28, 2007, 10:00 a.m. at the address given below.

8. Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered to the address below on or before 10:00 a.m., December 11, 2007. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in the following form and amount in Pesos. Late Bids shall not be accepted.

Form of Bid Security	Minimum Amount in % of the Approved Budget for the Contract for the Items for which Bid is Submitted
Cash, certified check, cashier's check, manager's check, bank draft or irrevocable letter of credit	One percent (1%)
Bank guarantee	One and a half percent (1.5%)

9. Bid opening shall be on December 11, 2007, 10:00 a.m. at the address given below. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
10. The DOH reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

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Ground Floor, Building 6
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San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila
Facsimile number: 7419775
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Supply and Delivery of
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(Gen. Appropriations Act 2007 & Continuing Appropriation)

1. The GOVERNOR CELESTINO GALLARES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, through the General Appropriations Act 2007 and Continuing Appropriations intends to apply the sum of ***Php 7,056,800.00*** being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for ***Supply and Delivery of Hospital Equipment (P4,068,800.00), Supplies (P1,100,000.00) and Services (P1,888,000.00)***. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall automatically be rejected at Bid opening.
2. The GOVERNOR CELESTINO GALLARES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL now invites Bids from eligible Bidders for ***Supply and Delivery of Hospital Equipment, Supplies and Services***. Delivery of the GOODS required is: ***for supplies 10 calendar days, for equipment 30-60 calendar days and for services (security guard and janitorial) from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008***. The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB.
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," and is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183) and subject to Commonwealth Act 138 (C.A. 138). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB. The bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine responsiveness of the bid to technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during the post-qualification procedure.
4. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from GOVERNOR CELESTINO GALLARES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BAC Chairman, ***Luz R. Rosales*** and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from *1:00 - 5:00 p.m.*
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address given below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee in the amount of ***Php 1,000.00 per category for supplies and services and Php 1,500.00 for equipment***. The method of payment will be ***Cash***. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.
6. The GOVERNOR CELESTINO GALLARES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on ***November 28, 2007 / 1:30 p.m. at GCGMH WELLNESS Corner***.
7. Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered to the ***GCGMH Audio Visual Room on the scheduled opening of bids***. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in any of the following forms. Late Bids shall not be accepted.

Form of Bid Security	Minimum Amount in % of Approved Budget for the Contract to be Bid
1. Cash/Manager's Check	One percent (1%)
2. GSIS Bond	Two and a half percent (2½%)

8. Bid opening shall be on ***December 17, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at GCGMH Audio-Visual Room***. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below.
9. The GOVERNOR CELESTINO GALLARES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

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NGO asks gov't to deny Bayer petition

By Amy R. Remo

AN INTERNATIONAL NONGOVERNMENT organization has urged the government to deny Bayer's application for the commercial distribution of its genetically modified rice, Liberty Link Rice 62, on grounds that the evaluation process was "concealed from the public."

The Southeast Asia Regional Initiative for Community Empowerment (Searice) raised the alarm, saying this "concealment" also posed serious questions on the independence of the government's Scientific and Technical Review Panel from GMO-producing firms.

"We urge the Department of Agriculture to divulge the composition of the STRP and assure the public of the members' independence from any GMO firm's interest," said Socrates Lugasip, Searice technical officer.

According to the DA, the STRP is composed of at least three "reputable and independent scientists ... to evaluate the application, particularly the risk assessment studies conducted and actions taken by relevant regulatory authorities in the country of origin."

Lugasip said allowing the importation of this GM rice required transparency and public knowledge as rice is the Filipinos' staple food.

"The people need to know the reasons behind the government's rush to allow this, despite the fact that the rice has not been grown commercially elsewhere nor does it have any history of safe consumption by humans," Lugasip stressed.

Bayer, for its part, said it could not issue an official statement due to a pending case on the commercialization of the LLRICE62.

Greenpeace filed this year a petition against the use of Bayer's LLRice62 for food, animal feed and processing.

According to Searice, a member of the STRP had already said he would dismiss the application of LLRICE62 for lack of merit.

"Would it enhance agricultural productivity, global competitiveness, lower the price of rice in the market, alleviate poverty and hunger, improve the health of the rice-eating Filipinos?" said STRP member Emerlito Borromeo.

Borromeo added that the evaluation of GMO applications should not be left to STRP alone because the panel's perspective was confined only to technical aspects, and does not cover the economic and sociocultural implications of a particular GMO.

'Sin' tax collection down 2% as of Sept.

By Michelle V. Remo

THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE'S collection of "sin" taxes dipped 2 percent as of September this year compared to the first nine months last year.

A report from the BIR showed that P29.83 billion worth of excise tax on cigarettes and alcoholic beverages was collected as of September, a P692-million or 2-percent drop from the P30.52 billion collected in the same period last year.

The latest sin tax collection was also P1.12 billion short of the nine-month target of P30.95 billion.

The collection was off target despite the increase in the excise tax rates on cigarettes and alcohol starting January this year.

The Sin Tax Law of 2005 mandates an increase in the sin tax rates once every two years until 2011. The increase varies depending on the price.

The collection decline was attributed to the low collection of excise tax on cigarettes.

Of the total sin tax collection as of September, the bigger share of P16.28 billion was collected from cigarettes.

The figure was P2.4 billion lower than the P18.68 billion collected in the first three quarters last year.

On the other hand, collection of excise tax on alcoholic beverages reached P13.54 billion, up P1.7 billion from the P11.84 billion recorded in the same period last year.

Revenue collectors earlier said the decline in the collection of sin taxes could be partly due to the shift by some consumers to low-priced cigarettes following the increase in excise tax rates.

But they also said the decline in collection could be due to underdeclaration of production by cigarette manufacturers.

Excise tax should be paid before products are taken out of factories.

Packages of products whose taxes have already been paid are marked by tax personnel with a seal.

But the BIR earlier suspected some cigarette makers of using fake seals just to escape payment of proper taxes.

To address the declining collection of sin taxes, the BIR said, it was developing an improved system of auditing the tax compliance of cigarette makers.

BIR Deputy Commissioner Nelson Aspe had said the BIR would come up with a tax seal with built-in security features.

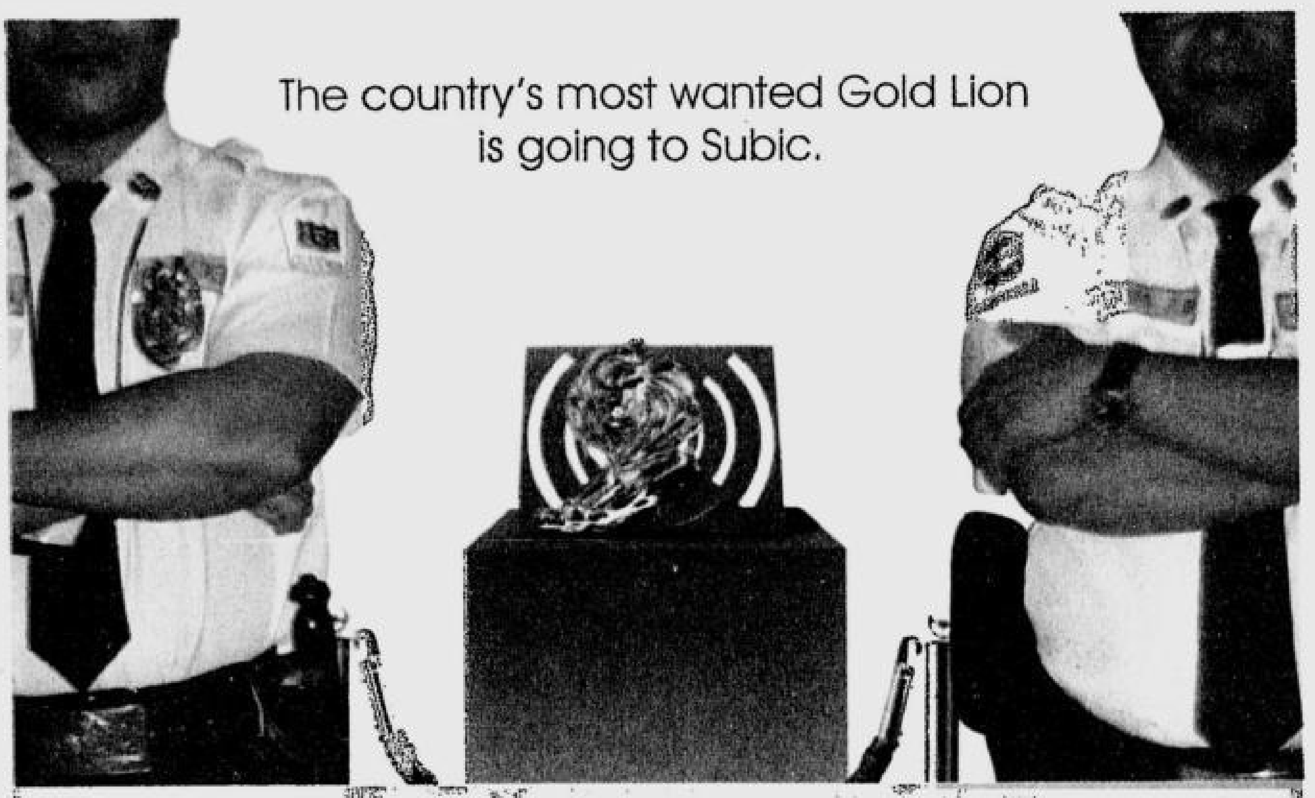
Aside from suspected dishonesty by some cigarette firms, the BIR said the move of some manufacturers to "frontload" their production also led to the drop in excise tax collection.

Some cigarette manufacturers were said to have advanced production in December last year and increased stock in warehouses to avoid the higher excise tax rates.

The failure to increase excise tax collection despite the higher excise tax rates was partly blamed for the BIR's tax collection shortfall as of September.

The BIR collected P521.9 billion in January to September, short of the target of P566.9 billion by P45 billion.

But BIR officials said tax collecting agency already implemented several measures, including intensified tax audit, to shore up revenue collection.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4:00PM	3rd Screening

November 23, Friday

9:00AM	1st Screening
11:00AM	2nd Screening
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2:00PM	3rd Screening
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DBP Development Bank of the Philippines

INVITATION TO BID

The Development Bank of the Philippines will receive sealed bids on Dec. 5, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., 12/F, Suite 5, Executive Lounge of the DBP Head Office, Sen.Gil Puyat Ave. cor. Makati Ave., Makati City for the following properties on CASH BASIS.

CODE NO.	DESCRIPTION	AREA (sq.m.)	LOCATION	Minimum Bid
REAL ESTATE METRO MANILA				
AM-RP-49	Residential lot (TCT No T-100670) with bldg. & imp.	253	No. 23 Sangumay St. corner Mariposa St., Manuela Subd., Phase III-A Pamplona, Las Pinas City	P 1,560,300.00
AM-ED-50	Industrial lots (TCT Nos. N-171471, N-171472, N-171473, N-171475 and N-171476) with 17 bldgs of various sizes and of mix construction (total floor area of 26,1010 sq. m) mostly utilized as factories and warehouses	36,015	EDSA, Balintawak, Quezon City	P 300,000,000.00
AM-ED-51	Industrial residential lots (TCT Nos. N-171474 and N-171477) with 5 bldgs of various sizes and of mix construction (total floor area of 3,279 sq.m.) mostly utilized as factories and warehouses.	2,400	Luskot Serrano Laktaw and Pedro Paterno Sts., Galas, Quezon City	P 19,832,000.00
BULACAN				
AM-ML-52	Residential lots (TCT Nos. T-125966, T-125967 and T-125947)	3,435	Bgy. Kaypian, San Jose del Monte City	P 636,500.00
CAVITE				
AM-RP-53	Residential lot (TCT No. 1182501)	400	Bgy. Zapang, Ternate, Cavite	P 3,280,000.00
PROVIDENT FUND				
PF-SM-01	Residential lot (TCT No. 287251)	240	Lot 7 Blk.4 Family Village, Panapaan, Bacoor, Cavite	P 600,000.00
PF-SM-02	Residential lot (TCT No. 29606)	298	Lot 4 Blk. 3 Sto Nino District, Pagadian City	P 430,000.00
PF-SM-03	House and lot (TCT No. T-1109644)	104	Redwood St., Acacia Homes, Bangkal, Dasmarinas, Cavite	P 364,000.00
PF-SM-04	House and lot (TCT No. C-379263)	177	Lot 14 Blk. 25 Vista Verde, North Ave., Phase 1-D, Vista Verde North Village, Caloocan City	P 635,000.00
PF-SM-05	Residential lot (TCT No. T-150452)	321	Lot 26 Blk. 1 Quezon's Place, Teoville West, San Dionisio, now BF Homes, Paranaque City	P 1,444,500.00
PF-SM-06	Residential lot (TCT No. T-657968) with bldg. and improvements	114	Lot 11 Blk. 5 Gemini St., Florence Ville Subd., Bo. Tagapo, Sta. Rosa Laguna	P 616,000.00
PF CHATTEL				
PF-SM-07	One (1) unit Honda City DST model 2006 4-door sedan, manual transmission, color Night Hawk Black, power steering, windows, lock and side mirrors		Parked at DBP Inner Court	P 510,000.00

BIDDERS ARE REMINDED:

1. To inspect the properties to determine their actual condition before the bidding;
2. To submit in DBP's official bid form available at the AMD-Acquired Assets, Ground Floor (for Code starting with AM) and at PFU 7th floor (for Code starting with PF) DBP Head Office during office hours.
3. To be on time. No bids will be accepted once unsealing of the bids commences. The sale shall be subject to other terms and conditions which may be imposed by the Bank.

DBP RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, TO WAIVE ANY FORMALITY THEREIN, OR TO ACCEPT SUCH BIDS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE BANK. THE DECISION OF THE BANK IS FINAL AND BINDING.

For inquiries, please call telephone numbers: 892-1566 or 818-9511 locals 2117/2159/2166 for Code starting with AM and local 3708 for Code starting with PF

ASSET MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

(PDI–Nov. 16, 2007)

Opening of new markets boosts exports of farm products

By Amy R. Remo

EXPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL products rose by 24.71 percent to $2.32 billion in the first eight months of the year, as local exporters tapped new markets.

In the same period last year, the country shipped $1.86 billion worth of these products.

Agriculture Undersecretary Bernadette Romulo-Puyat said the country's top farm exports during the period were refined coconut oil, desiccated coconut, mangoes, pineapples and carageenan.

In a report to Agriculture Secretary Arthur C. Yap, Puyat said the United States remained the top destination for the country's agricultural exports, accounting for $542.35 million or 23.33 percent of total exports during the period.

Japan followed with $316.99 million or 13.6 percent of the total.

The other three major markets were The Netherlands, $161.69 million (6.96 percent); South Korea, $130.96 million (5.64 percent), and Thailand $102.97 million (4.43 percent).

Puyat, who heads the department's Export Development Team, said that among coconut products, refined coconut oil and desiccated coconut were the top export earners, with sales reaching $115.8 million and $104.5 million, respectively.

Fresh pineapples ranked 7th largest export earner during the period. Total sales hit $40.55 million, up 6.21 percent from $38.18 million last year.

Export of dried pineapples surged by 262 percent to $293.2 million from $80.99 million last year as the commodity penetrated new markets including The Netherlands, Taiwan, Oman, China, Canada, Switzerland, Guam and Japan, she said.

Dried mango exports likewise increased by 73.86 percent to $7.25 million due to new markets such as Thailand, Germany, Ireland, French Polynesia, Oman, Greece, Cyprus, Cayman Islands, Saudi Arabia, Palau, Nigeria, and Kiribati.

Similarly, exports of carageenan grew by 26.8 percent to $39.59 million, as it penetrated new markets including the Bahamas, Cambodia, Curacao, Greece, Guatemala, Jordan, Nicaragua, Nigeria and Ukraine.

Political stability, RP image top concerns of BPO investors

Respondents say country needs PR program

By Ronnel W. Domingo

INVESTORS IN THE BUSINESS process outsourcing sector are more concerned about the country's image abroad as well as political stability than the much-talked about quality of available skills or growth of businesses, a recent study showed.

The study conducted by Outsource2Philippines (O2P) in September in partnership with the Business Process Association of the Philippines also showed that hiring rates were better than commonly assumed, and that the workers' short stay in a job was due to better opportunities elsewhere within the sector rather than a perceived lack of career growth opportunities.

The results of the poll of 72 BPO executives done on Sept. 12 to Sept. 25 showed that:

- English proficiency was still an important concern, but less critical than in previous years;
- Hiring rates were steady and generally higher than popular myth suggests while turnover was higher this year;
- Respondents remain largely enthusiastic with respect to prospects for growth, and forecast significant expansion both in workforce and real estate requirements;
- Most BPO industry employees who resign do so to accept an offer within the industry, or overseas.

The 72 respondents accounted for a fifth of all those that were given questionnaires.

Respondents represent contact centers (34 percent); software development and services (59 percent); medical and legal transcription, animation, and engineering services (18 percent), and third-party and in-house BPO (11 percent).

Answers indicate that jobs were kept for two to three years and that there was no difference in performance between new hires with experience and the fresh graduates

The survey also found that a positive image of the country remained an important concern that influenced investment decisions and client acquisition.

Still, O2P said half of the respondents rated the Philippines' image among investors "positive" and another 3 percent said it was "very positive."

Asked what the Philippines should do to improve its image, the top three responses were: "Undertake a public relations program" (69 percent); "Participate in major international trade shows" (54 percent); and, "Provide a better online presence" (50 percent); "Conduct more industry conferences (47 percent); "Advertise in major newspapers and magazines (29 percent);" and "Advertise in major trade publications (18 percent)."

Those surveyed said investment incentives influence investment decisions and that perks currently available were "reasonably competitive."

BPA/P president Oscar Sañez said it was very important that the government clearly communicated the impact of moves to rationalize incentives to current and potential investors.

"(It is also very important) to obtain investors' perspectives before changes are made that could seriously dampen investor enthusiasm for the Philippines," Sañez added.

Global Power, Formosa form joint venture

GLOBAL BUSINESS POWER CORP., A MEMber of the Metrobank Group of Companies, and Formosa Heavy Industries Corp. have signed a joint venture agreement for the construction of power plants using clean coal technology in Toledo City, Cebu.

Global Power also inked an engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contract to build the initial 246-megawatt power plant at its Toledo Power Station in Cebu. A memorandum of understanding has also been signed by the two parties to expand Global Power's Panay power plant with FHI both as an investor and EPC contractor. The new plant in Iloilo City will have a capacity of 164 MW.

More than $500 million will be invested by the joint venture in these projects which are aimed at addressing the urgent need for more electricity in the Cebu-Negros-Panay grid.

Construction of the Toledo expansion plant will begin in January 2008 for completion in early 2010. The expanded capacity will be sold to its existing customers like Veco, Cebeco and other cooperatives in the grid.

Global Power is the largest independent power producer in the Visayas with a total plant capacity of more than 230 MW using both coal and diesel technologies.

Bayan to spend P10B for wireless land line in 5 yrs

By Riza T. Olchondra

BAYAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS INC. SAID it would spend about P10 billion between 2008 and 2012 to put up more base stations for its Bayan Wireless Landline.

"The company may spend P2 billion or more per year for the next five years as demand grows," Bayan chief executive consultant Tunde Fafunwa said in an interview.

Fafunwa said funding for the next three years will come from internally generated funds. He said borrowings might be considered later although it was not an option now as the company was working on wiping out its $325-million debt by 2023 to exit a 19-year rehabilitation program.

Bayan's net income slipped 51 percent to P490 million in the first nine months of this year from P1 billion in the same period last year. This, despite a 6-percent growth in its total voice revenues to P2.41 billion compared with P2.28 billion last year.

It reported a 10-percent growth in land line revenue, or service fees from wired and wireless landline subscribers, to P1.59 billion from P1.44 billion from January to September last year.

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November 16, 2007

NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION/S FOR ALIEN EMPLOYMENT PERMIT/S (AEP/S)

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	Name and Address of Company/Employer	Name of Foreign National/Citizenship	Position
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2.	MD TECH PHILIPPINES, INC. CEZ, Rosario, Cavite	Mr. Mikihiko Tanabe/ Japanese	Technical Adviser
3.	INTEL TECHNOLOGY PHILIPPINES, INC. GBP, Javalera, Gen. Trias, Cavite	Mr. Philip Tymen de Jong/ American	Flash General Manager
4.	GOLDEN WILL FASHIONS, INC. FCIE, Brgy. Langkaan, Dasmarinas, Cavite	Mr. Hualian Liu/ Chinese	Operations Manager
5.	DAITOH PRECISIONS INTERNATIONAL, INC. [illegible] Sto. Tomas, [illegible]	Mr. Keita Inomata/ Japanese	Assembly Assistant Manager
6.	NXP SEMICONDUCTORS PHILIPPINES, INC. LISP II, Brgy. La Mesa, Calamba City	Mr. David Rene Michel Dubois/.French	Test & Quality Technician
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8.	PL BATANGAS STEEL CORPORATION Brgy. Mainaga, Mabini, Batangas	Mr. Ching-Chen Lin/ Taiwanese	Plotter
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13.	NBSUN PHILIPPINES CORPORATION CEZ, Rosario, Cavite	Mr. Hyunmook Cho/ Korean	Packing Manager
14.	PRICON MICROELECTRONICS, INC. CIP I, Canlubang, Calamba City	Mr. Yoshihiro Fukushima/ Japanese	Adviser of YFLEX Department
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If you have any information/objection to the above-mentioned application/s please communicate with the Regional Director.

(Sgd.) ATTY. RICARDO S. MARTINEZ, SR., CESO III
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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) announces the opening, for application or nomination, of the following positions:

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Application or Recommendation Letter
Personal Data Sheet (JBC Form 1 downloadable from the JBC Website http://jbc.supremecourt.gov.ph)
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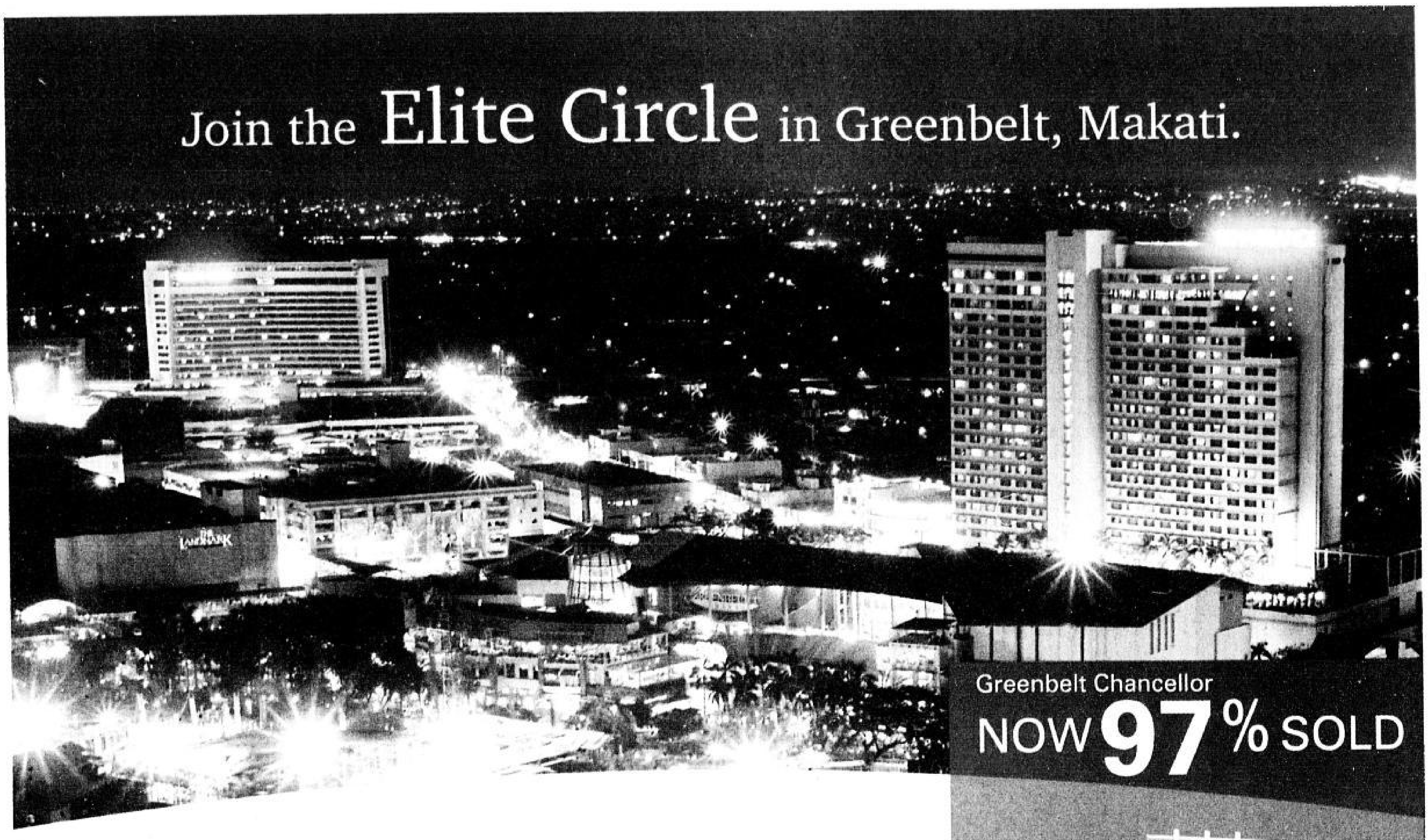
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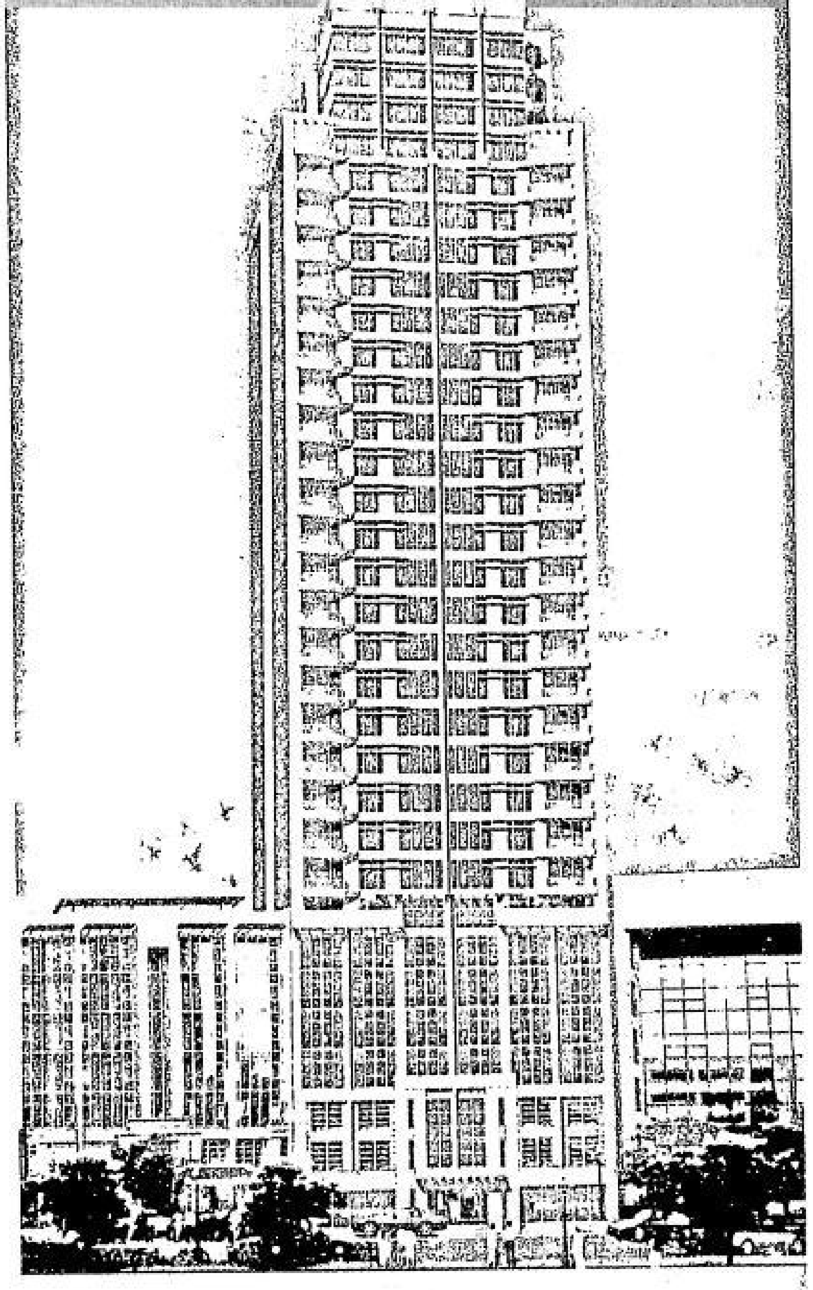

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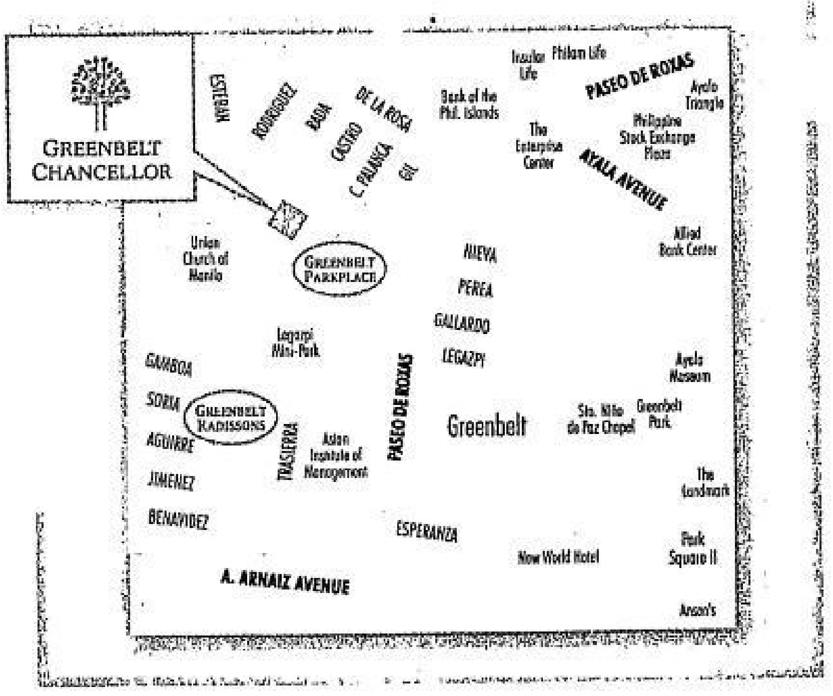
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By Doris C. Dumlao

A WOMAN WHO FLED HER war-torn hometown to become a successful duck raiser and a man who survived poverty and two vehicular mishaps to build an agricultural equipment manufacturing business topped this year's list of the Philippines' outstanding microentrepreneurs.

Milagros Dorado of Asuncion, Davao del Norte and Henry Bayaua of San Manuel, Isabela, won the top prizes at the 5th Citi Microentrepreneur of the Year Awards (MOTY), the country's premier search for exemplary Filipino entrepreneurs, for the "Masikap" and "Maunlad" categories, respectively.

"Through this program, we are able to actively share the success stories of our outstanding microentrepreneurs, promote their successes to a much wider community base, and most importantly, create role models that will inspire and encourage others to similarly grow their microenterprises and serve as catalysts to invigorate their own communities," said Citigroup country officer Sanjiv Vohra.

Most effective means

In developing countries where poverty was highest, Vohra noted that microenterprises usually accounted for over 80 percent of all wealth-building enterprises and more than 20 percent of gross national output.

"We know that one of the most effective means of ensuring that the poor take part in their economy is to provide them with access to the financial knowledge, products and services they need to help them gain financial independence and achieve their goals," Vohra said.

The Masikap award category is given to microentrepreneurs who successfully started a business that has become a reliable source of income for the family.

The Maunlad award, on the other hand, is for those who have grown a business to a level that has generated employment for people apart from household or family members.

Business assets of awardees should be no greater than P300,000 for the Masikap category and up to P1 million for the Maunlad category.

The two national awardees won P150,000 in cash prize each.

Pure tenacity

Dorado won the top prize for the Masikap category because hers was a story of pure tenacity, hard work and entrepreneurial spirit.

Because of domestic violence, Dorado and her family left her hometown Cotabato in 1982 and sought refuge in Davao del Norte. Knowing that she had to do something to start a new life for her family, she decided to raise ducks as she did back then in Cotabato. "We didn't know anyone there," she said.

She allows her ducks to graze from one farmland to another after the harvest season, thus helping farmers weed out snails that could plunder crops and raising additional income. This raising of migrant ducks also makes her ward more prolific in laying eggs.

Dorado delivers and supplies eggs to balut-makers in the town centers of Asuncion, Kapalong and Tagum City. When the Rural Bank of Sto. Romas opened a branch near her town in 2006, she obtained a loan of P7,000 to expand her business.

Apart from duck-raising, she now buys whole or unhusked coconuts from local

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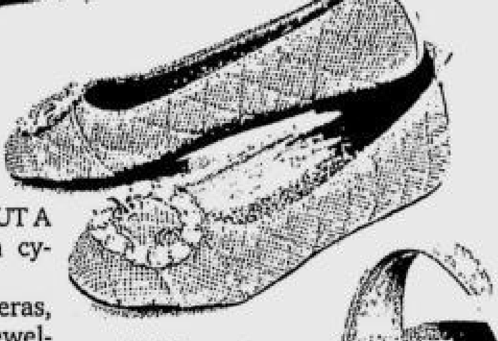
FLAT asset

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

NOT TOO MANY PEOPLE KNOW IT, BUT A whole lot of trading is going on in cyberspace.

Clothes, shoes, bags, watches, cameras, food, fashion accessories, toys and jewelry—both brand new and second-hand—are just some of the goods being bought and sold through the Internet, and more and more people are getting hooked on the idea of getting what they want from the comfort of their own homes.

But it's not only the customers who are benefiting from getting hold of items they would not ordinarily get in the malls and department stores.

Entrepreneurs are also seeing the Internet as a godsend because they no longer need to cough up too much capital before they can go into business. All they need are a good computer, a nice webpage and a cellular phone to monitor orders.

So says 30-year-old Roechelle Montenegro who sells exclusively designed bags made of fabrics, patent and synthetic leather and canvas through http://therapybags.multiply.com.

Because she only produces a few pieces of one design and sells exclusively through her website, her clients are assured that they will not see the same bag in the stores.

This assurance appeals to those with an individual sense of fashion, who do not want to bump into another person with the same bag.

Minimal overhead

Montenegro says in an interview that since she opened her site in June this year, she has been able to sell about 400 bags a month, with prices ranging from P550 to P850 for a shoulder bag and P1,000 for an overnight bag.

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"What's good about doing business online is that the overhead is minimal unlike if I had a shop," she says, adding: "I also get to reach a wider audience, especially buyers from the provinces whom I would not be able to reach if I just had a store."

She adds that having an online store allows her to maintain her main line, which is the manufacturing of bags for other brands. That way, she can hit two birds with one stone.

"I think of it as my moving store because I can still monitor my orders using my phone," Montenegro says.

For 33-year-old baker Levon Aragon, having an online presence allows her to earn well and be there for her 2 1/2 year-old child at the same time.

Aragon primarily sells cream puffs through her website http://puffmommy.multiply.com to the tune of about 100 dozens of cream puffs a week. A dozen costs P220 while a box of 20 costs P350.

The Parañaque-based baker says she delivers three times a week to select drop-off points in Ortigas, Makati and Alabang and her earnings are enough for her to even hire two more people to help her with the orders.

"The main benefit is that I do not have to pay rent. Yes, I do not see my customers but somehow it is still personal because I can get to talk to them when they place orders," Aragon says.

She says that if she had a store, she will have to worry about the rent, the lean months, manpower and the utilities. But with an online store, all she has to consider is her ability to meet orders.

Main benefit

Also finding a good income opportunity online is 23-year-old Diane Llyn Lee, who turned her love for shoes—wedges, flats, sneakers, etc.—into a business through http://saffyspot.multiply.com.

"The site has been up since March and my friend and I have been doing okay. We sell about 50 pairs of pre-ordered shoes every month," she says.

What she does is sell shoes that her friend buys from the United States. They combine orders placed on the site and then deliver the goods after about a month.

"The feedback has been good. Every day, people are adding us to their network. Maybe soon, we can also consider putting up a shop," she says.

But in the meantime, she is relishing the thought of running a business with minimum capital and no headaches from thinking about rent and utilities.

This should be enough to encourage even more entrepreneurs to consider tapping the limitless opportunities presented by the Internet that are just there for the taking.

Small-business icons stand tall

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farmers, processes the coconut meat into copra and converts the coconut shells into charcoal.

Because of her business, she was able to send her children to school and even buy a 1,000-square-meter residential lot and a 1.2-hectare farmland.

Her businesses now generate P950,000 in annual sales and P740,000 in annual profits, with net assets reaching P255,000.

Started as a helper

Bayaua, on the other hand, grew up in a beerhouse owned by a couple who treated him as their own son. After several years as a helper in metal crafts enterprises, this high school graduate formed his own agricultural equipment business, Henrico Metal Craft.

Incidentally, the beerhouse where he grew up closed down, and he used the space for production using a welding machine and a few employees.

His company now manufactures rice threshers, trailers and *kuliglig* and his products are well-known throughout Isabela for its high quality and remarkable after-sales service.

He used his initial loan from First Isabela Cooperative Bank (Fico Bank) to buy new tools and equipment to boost his production. He is now on his ninth loan cycle of P100,000 with Fico.

His employees speak highly of Bayaua, who bounced back from two life-threatening motorcycle accidents to sustain this business. He now provides livelihood to 15 regular employees and has recently opened a branch in Libertad, Cagayan.

Microfinance

Vohra said the success of microentrepreneurs also relied on the quality of the microfinance institution which provides access to credit and working capital as well as the dedication of loan officers who are out there on the field ensuring the creditworthiness of their clients. As such, the MOTY also recognized the loan officers and microfinance institutions supporting the outstanding microentrepreneurs.

Microfinance has been recognized across the world as an effective formula in transforming disadvantaged individuals into financially independent entrepreneurs. Loan sizes are typically small, not exceeding P150,000. Grant of loans to a group or individual is based on the borrower's household income and nontraditional forms of security are acceptable.

During the awarding ceremonies at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas on Tuesday, Citigroup also awarded regional winners for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao for each category. However, no regional winner was declared for Mindanao under the Maunlad category this year, as none of the nominees met the stringent qualification.

All awardees are required to meet the following criteria: a 100-percent loan repayment record, measurable results in terms of employment generation, sales turnover and growth in enterprise profit. Awardees should also be model citizens in their communities with high moral standards and socially responsible behavior.

The other winners under the Maunland category were:

Allan Geron (Luzon)—a bakeshop and mini-grocery operator in San Juan, Batangas, who benefited from a loan from Bangko Kabayan and now employs 13 people;

Ruel Limpin (Visayas)—who is engaged in the junk shop or waste recycling business who employs 30 people who sort, segregate and clean scrap materials. A client of Rural Bank of Dulag (Leyte), he also serves as the barangay captain in his community.

Under the Masikap category, the three regional winners were:

Virginia Dimayuga (Luzon)—a manufacturer of native delicacies like banana chips, polvoron, sweet mazapan and pastillas in Batangas City. She employs 10 workers and is a client of Bangko Kabayan.

Saturnina Diez (Visayas)—a vegetable farmer from Sibonga, Cebu, who also trades vegetable produce and employs 15 vegetable growers. She got initial loan from the Cebu Micro Enterprise Development Foundation Inc. to start a trading business.

Rosa Mayordomo (Mindanao)—a dried fish maker who sells the commodity in bulk in a market in Pagadian City. Loans from KFI Center for Community Development Foundation Inc. provides the means to smoothen cash flow and grow the enterprise.

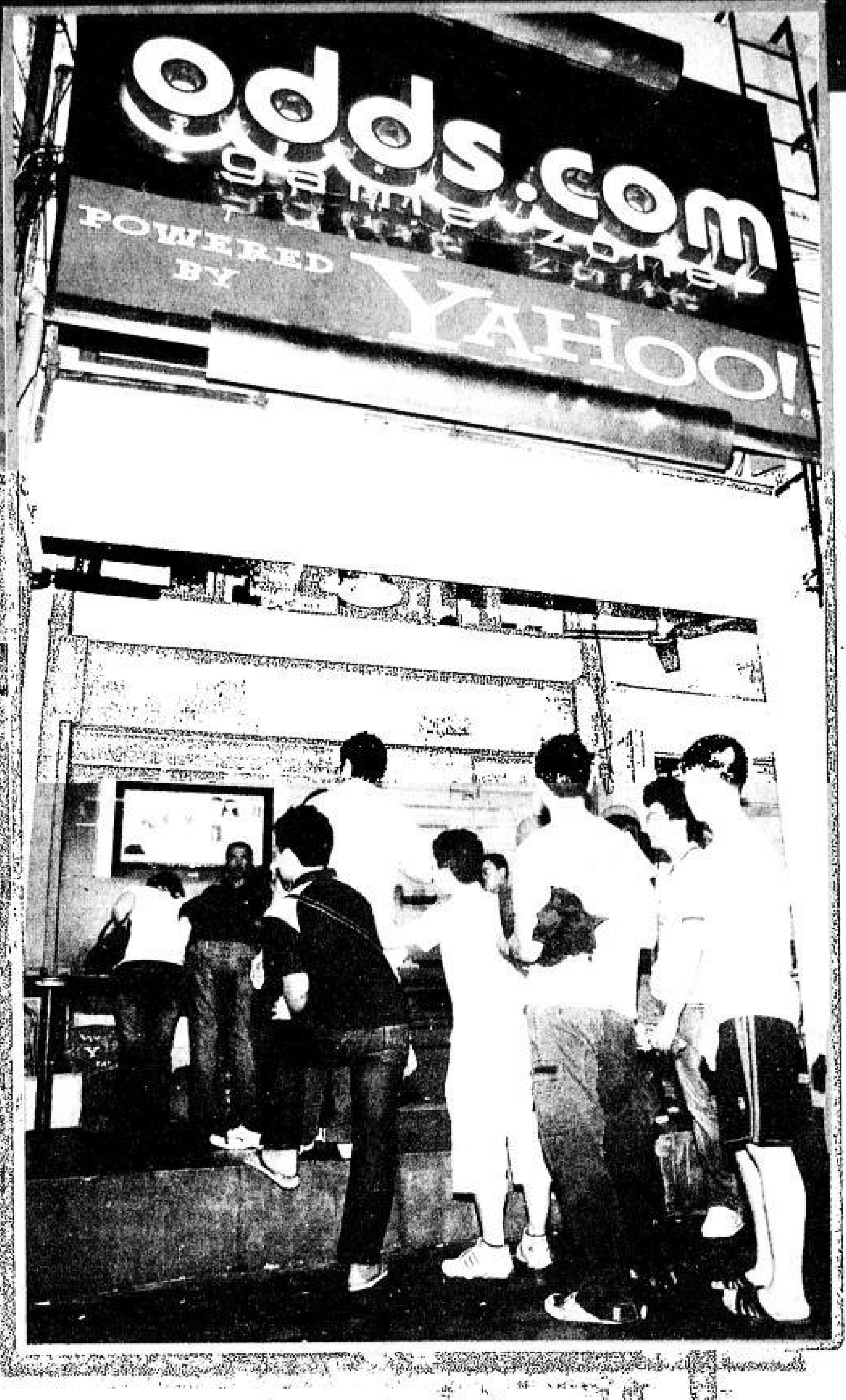
A special award was given to Maricel Quiap, a furniture maker and lumber dealer from Baler, Quezon, for outstanding partnership with her husband in microenterprise. Loans provided by Alalay sa Kaunlaran Inc. (ASKI) help boost the growth of her business.

Another special citation was given to Ma. Cecilia Salarda, a maker and distributor of balut and salted eggs from Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental, who obtained initial capital from the Negros Women for Tomorrow Foundation Inc. The citation was made for her "ability to harness local market potentials." Aside from her balut business, she has also ventured into selling fruit shakes and peanuts through rolling stores.

The MOTY was funded by Citigroup in partnership with the Microfinance Council of the Philippines and the BSP. Vohra and BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. co-chaired the distinguished panel of judges which also included: Teresita Sy-Coson, Fernando Zobel de Ayala, Jose Concepcion III, Lance Gokongwei, Antonino Alindogan, Marixi Rufino-Prieto, Stacey Morse, Emmanuel Esguerra and Francis Estrada.

This program was piloted in 2002 as part of Citi's celebration of its 100 years in the country.

Boost in cybercafés' profit, users loom



MORE and more youths now frequent the new Odds.com cybercafé on Tomas Morato in Quezon City.

IN ITS DESIRE TO serve the needs of Filipinos across the country, Yahoo! Philippines has launched a new Internet initiative that can provide support for people and their business.

Yahoo! Philippines disclosed in a statement their project of partnering with several Internet cafés to make these cafés carry the Yahoo! brand.

The cafés, mostly small-medium enterprises (SMEs), were given makeovers to make them more exciting, useful and fun for the users.

The upgrading was done in line with the objective of Yahoo! to increase consumer demand for the Internet.

By doing so, it has given emphasis on ways to help Filipinos connect to their passions, to their communities and the world. For the café owners, this means a boost to their profitability and customer base.

As the demand for Internet cafés in the country becomes higher (since the cost of owning a personal computer is still restrictive for a large segment of the population, not to mention the additional cost of Internet access), Yahoo! Philippines decided to invest in these SMEs to enable the consumer to avail of its services.

> 11 local Internet cafés undergo a makeover with the help of Yahoo! to enable more Filipinos to experience being 'wired'

With the cheaper pay-only-as-you-use terms in Internet cafés, people are given an alternative access to information and communication. With this project, people have been given a gateway to access Yahoo! and use the services it provide.

Yahoo! also supports Internet cafés because of its contribution to the Philippine economic growth in providing livelihood opportunities for the café owners, and of its role in the promotion of education among Filipinos.

Help for students

Students who do not own personal computers can still submit class projects and requirements as they can accomplish these in Internet cafés, which are strategically located near schools and universities.

Job hunting is also possible with the help of the Internet, either in the county or abroad, saving precious time, money and effort.

And notably, as more and more Filipinos try their luck living and working in other countries, families without Internet access are given a more economic way of contacting their relatives and friends overseas via e-mail and Web-based messenger.

These cafés are vital in ensuring an open line of communications among families or loved ones that are separated by work or by circumstances.

Yahoo! Philippines has announced the initial 11 Internet cafés in Manila that offers its initiative project. Soon, the company will expand throughout the country based on feedback from people and businesses.

The 11 Internet café supported by Yahoo! Philippines are World Net Café in Loyola Heights, Katipunan, Quezon City; Odds.com along Tomas Morato, Quezon City; PC Quest Internet Café on Dapitan Street, Sampaloc, Manila; War Path Internet Café on España corner Gov. Forbes Streets, Manila; Cyberheights Kafe and Cyberheights/Reading Room along E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue in Quezon City;

Netnow Café on Timog Avenue, Quezon City; Phoenix Internet Café on Don Chino Roces Avenue, Makati City; Uncle Bob's Internet at Cyberzone, SM North Edsa, Quezon City; Serendipity Café along Pearl Drive, Ortigas; and Taxz 16 Café on Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City.

All Internet café owners who would like to be affiliated with the Yahoo! Philippines partner initiative may register at www.yahoo.com.ph/icafe.

Princess Daisy C. Ominga

Ribbon-cutting. (From left) Julian Concepcion, Brentville International project group head; Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Herber, Prominence II homeowners' representatives; Marixi Prieto, Inquirer board chairman; Josephine Yap, FLI director; Tessa Prieto-Valdes, event host and business partner; Mercedes Gotianun, FLI Chairman and CEO officiated the formal opening of the Prominence II clubhouse.

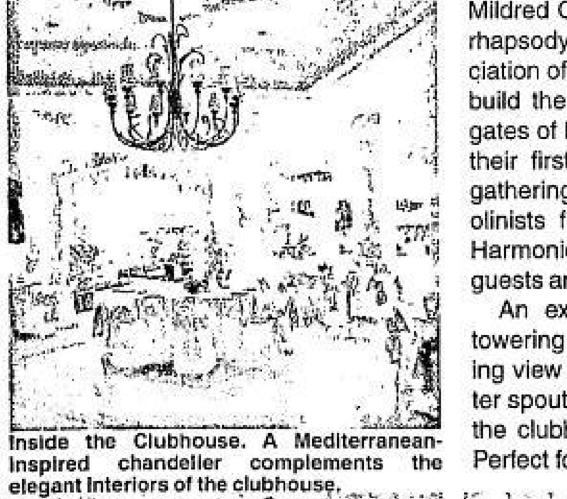
Event hosts. FLI's training head Mildred Cruz and Tessa Prieto-Valdes.

Catching-up. Long time buddies and business partners Alex Prieto and FLI's chairman emeritus Andrew Gotianun, Sr. enjoy the evening.

A Musical Night of Appreciation at Brentville International

Living up to its commitment of providing world-class living, homeowners of a cluster community in Brentville International, the flagship project of leading property developer Filinvest Land, Inc. (FLI) have recently been given yet another first-rate amenity that is exclusively theirs to enjoy.

Residents of Prominence II now have privileged access to their own Mediterranean-themed clubhouse. Along with homeowners' representatives Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Herber, Filinvest chairman and CEO Mercedes Gotianun, Director Josephine Yap, Brentville project group head Julian Concepcion, and business partner and Philippine Daily Inquirer board chairman Marixi Prieto officiated its ribbon-cutting and formal opening last Oct. 27 at Brentville International.



Inside the Clubhouse. A Mediterranean-inspired chandelier complements the elegant interiors of the clubhouse.

Business partner Tessa Prieto-Valdes, along with FLI's Training Head Mildred Cruz hosted a night of musical rhapsody to show the company's appreciation of its homeowners who chose to build their homes within the exclusive gates of Brentville. Giving homeowners their first taste of a posh community gathering in the exclusive clubhouse, violinists from the renowned Philippine Harmonic Orchestra serenaded the guests and residents.

An expansive pool surrounded by towering palm trees offers a breathtaking view in the cabana's entrance. Water spouts and cascading falls also give the clubhouse a refreshing ambiance. Perfect for Sunday family get-togethers, children are also encouraged to build friendships and have a good time at the club's playground.

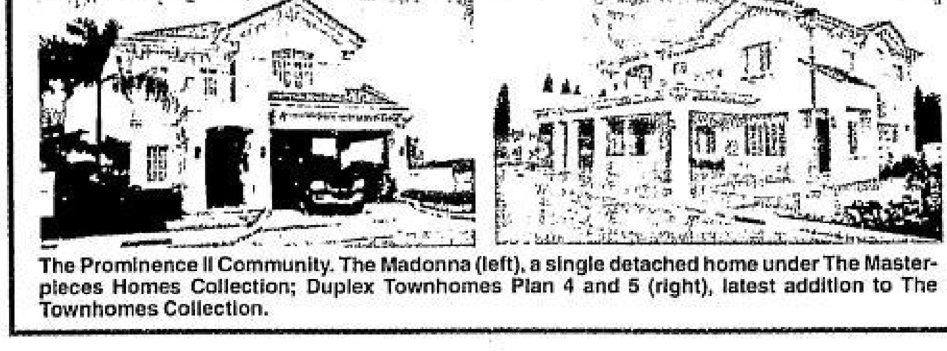
Aside from Brentville's 24-hour, 3-level protocol security, Prominence II homeowners also have their easy access to the village management office in the clubhouse.

The Prominence II community features single-detached upscale homes fittingly called Masterpieces. Recently, a wide range of Duplex townhomes have also been made available to cater to different living standards. Perfect for expatriate families, these top-notch residential units may be owned through a Condominium Certificate of Title (CCT). Buyers of Prominence II are also entitled to a privileged access to The Palms and Country Club located at the Filinvest Corporate City, Alabang.

The Prominence II and the seven other clusters make up the unique community set-up of Brentville. Located in the progressive town of Biñan, Laguna, the vast 53-hectare international community is just a ten-minute drive away from Alabang or thirty minutes from either Makati or Tagaytay.

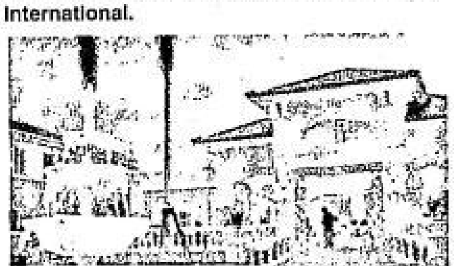
From its sunny Southern California entrance to its Mediterranean-inspired neighborhood, Brentville is definitely a proof to Filinvest's continuing commitment of building homes that foster the art of world-class living.

For inquiries and more information, call 807-5511 or log on to www.brentville.com.



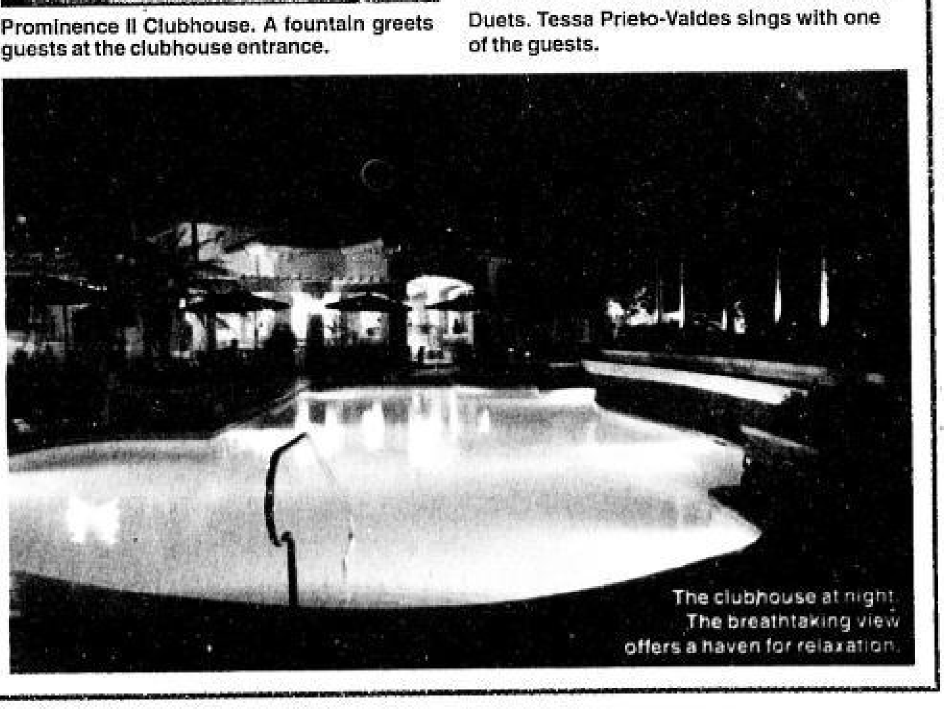
The Prominence II Community. The Madonna (left), a single detached home under The Masterpieces Homes Collection; Duplex Townhomes Plan 4 and 5 (right), latest addition to The Townhomes Collection.

A Night of Musical Rhapsody. Violinists from Philharmonic Orchestra serenade guests and residents at Prominence II, Brentville International.



Prominence II Clubhouse. A fountain greets guests at the clubhouse entrance.

Duets. Tessa Prieto-Valdes sings with one of the guests.



The clubhouse at night. The breathtaking view offers a haven for relaxation.

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OFWs' worth: $10-B market

By Karen V. De Asis
Contributor

AT THE CLOSE OF 2006, THE BANGKO Sentral Ng Pilipinas reported $12.7 billion in OFW (overseas foreign worker) dollar remittances, up from $10.6 billion in 2005. The windfall benefited an estimated 12 million OFW families in 2006, up from 8 million (Philippine Daily Inquirer Research 1/2006) in 2005.

The potential of the OFW segment has not escaped the marketing experts as more brands try to capture their attention and pocket power.

Nielsen Media Research, through a proprietary quantitative research, reveals some interesting insights in the consumption, lifestyle and media habits of the beneficiaries of dollar remittances.

The research drew respondents aged 18 years old and above across all socioeconomic segments from Metro Manila, Balance Luzon, Metro Cebu and Davao City. This was conducted during the first quarter of 2007 and the results were released recently.

The beneficiaries

OFW beneficiaries are those who receive dollar remittances on a regular, scheduled basis yearly. Nielsen's research reveals that over one-third, or 33.6 percent, of the OFW family universe enjoy a relatively comfortable life as opposed to less than one-fifth of the country's local-based general population belonging to the ABC segment.

Most beneficiaries are nonworking housewives. More than three-fourths of them receive their remittances once a month. These are spent primarily on basic needs (household expenses, education, medical needs and home rental), followed by allocations on savings and investments (includes bank savings, business, household appliances, insurance and real estate). The rest is allocated to payment of loans and personal debts.

Communications and media

A third of the OFW universe communicates with their beneficiaries at least once a week. The mobile phone remains to be the most pervasive means of communication at 83.7 percent followed closely by landline, and in smaller percentages the Internet and snail mail. Websites used for communication include the Yahoo!, friendster and AOL.

Table 1

Breakdown of Socio-Economic Class

Breakdown of Socio-Economic Class	General Population	OFW Beneficiaries
AB (monthly household of Php50,001 and above)	1.4	4.3
C1 (monthly household income of Php30,001 to Php50th)	3.6	6.6
C2 (monthly household income of Php15,001 to Php30,000)	11.1	22.7
DE (Php 15,000 and below)	83.9	66.4
TOTAL	**100**	**100**

SOURCE: PSRC/MEDIA FACTBOOK 2004;NIELSEN MEDIA RESEARCH, 2007

If you have a family member/s working abroad, here's what you get and can aspire for

The OFW beneficiaries have a higher incidence of consumption of traditional media compared to the general population. This could be attributed to a higher disposable income. Notable though is their significant use of sound and visual media like radio, cinema, VCD and DVD as mediums of entertainment. (*See Table 2.*)

Higher consumption of traditional media is supported by a higher ownership of media facilities that allow them to enjoy the media formats. (*See Table 3.*)

Their aspirations

OFW beneficiaries desire to have the following as soon as their basic needs have been satisfied: Real estate (18.3 percent), high-technology gadgets (11.4 percent), car/transportation (11.3 percent), household appliances (10.8 percent) and a savings bank account (7 percent).

Apparently, setting up a business is not high on their list of priorities. In fact, only a third of the OFW beneficiaries engage in business at the present time.

Most of the businesses they engage in are microbusinesses that include owning and managing a *sari-sari* store or grocery, transport operator, meat shop, canteen or restaurant and buy-and-sell services. Their most capital-intensive business would be an apartment or condo rental.

Table 2

Exposure to media

Media	General Population	OFW Beneficiaries
Television	97.8	99.9
Radio	71.7	82.6
Newspaper	71	79.69
VCD/DVD	58	79.5
Magazine	25.2	34.94
Cinema	22	32.9

SOURCE: NIELSEN MEDIA RESEARCH, 2007

Table 3

Ownership of media facilities

Media	General Population	OFW Beneficiaries
Television	91.2	99
Radio	81.7	93.8
VCD/DVD	68.7	86.8
Cable/satellite	25.9	32

SOURCE: NIELSEN MEDIA RESEARCH, 2007

More than a third of the OFW providers are male household heads (36.1 percent) followed by daughters (28.5 percent), sons (17.8 percent) and mothers (11.7 percent).

The increasing number of young female overseas workers could be attributed to the demand for traditionally more female-oriented jobs that include nurses, singers, caregivers and domestic help.

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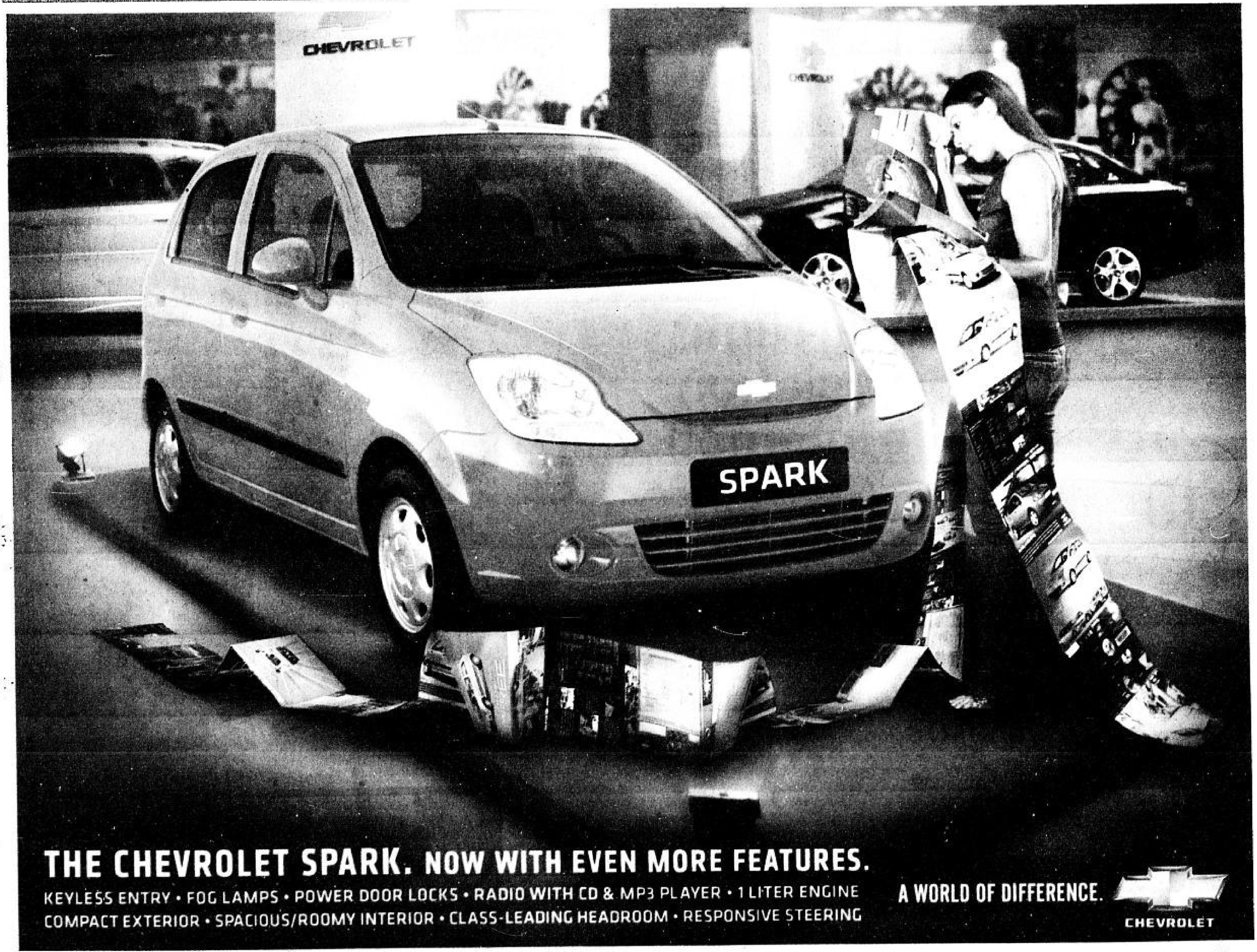

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Sari-sari stores saving village economies

By Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes
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DAGUPAN CITY—THE UBIQUITOUS neighborhood *sari-sari* (variety) stores have saved many Filipino families from financial problems, as these have become the sources of steady cash to tide them over during difficult times.

The convenience stores, most of them open from dawn until late night, have contributed tremendously to the country's economy, according to Vice Mayor Belen Fernandez, president of City Supermarket Inc. (CSI). The homegrown company owns a chain of supermarkets in Pangasinan and other provinces.

Fernandez says earnings from a *sari-sari* store could help a family survive.

"For example, the husband is a driver and the wife is a housewife. The wife can tend a small store, earn an income and still take care of her family at home," she says.

CSI, she says, has been supporting small store owners because she believes these "*sari-sari* stores help keep the economy moving."

The supermarket chain recently sponsored a three-day *sari-sari* store and livelihood fair for owners of stores, canteens and restaurants where they were treated to low-priced commodities, freebies, business seminars, product exhibits, raffle draws and entertainment.

At least 80 companies joined the fair and displayed their products in makeshift *sari-sari* stores to entice participants.

Representatives from Nestlé Philippines, Procter & Gamble, Unilever Philippines and Colgate Palmolive Philippines conducted seminars on displaying items, attracting customers, making good profit, and on other aspects of the retail business.

Local industries were also featured in the fair through the help of the Department of Trade and Industry in Pangasinan.

Among the products showcased were Pangasinan's dried mango, dried fish of San Fabian, muscovado sugar of Manaoag, *pastillas* (sweets) of Lingayen, processed meat of Mangaldan, and native cakes of Dagupan City.

Returning patronage

Fernandez says holding the fair is a way of returning the patronage that the family business has enjoyed through the years.

She has high hopes for small businessmen because CSI "started from just a small grocery store in downtown Dagupan."

Her late father, Jimmy, a second-generation Chinese immigrant in the city, started City Grocery in the 1960s that offered household items at low prices.

"The fair is our way of thanking our customers, especially the small-business men, who have been patronizing

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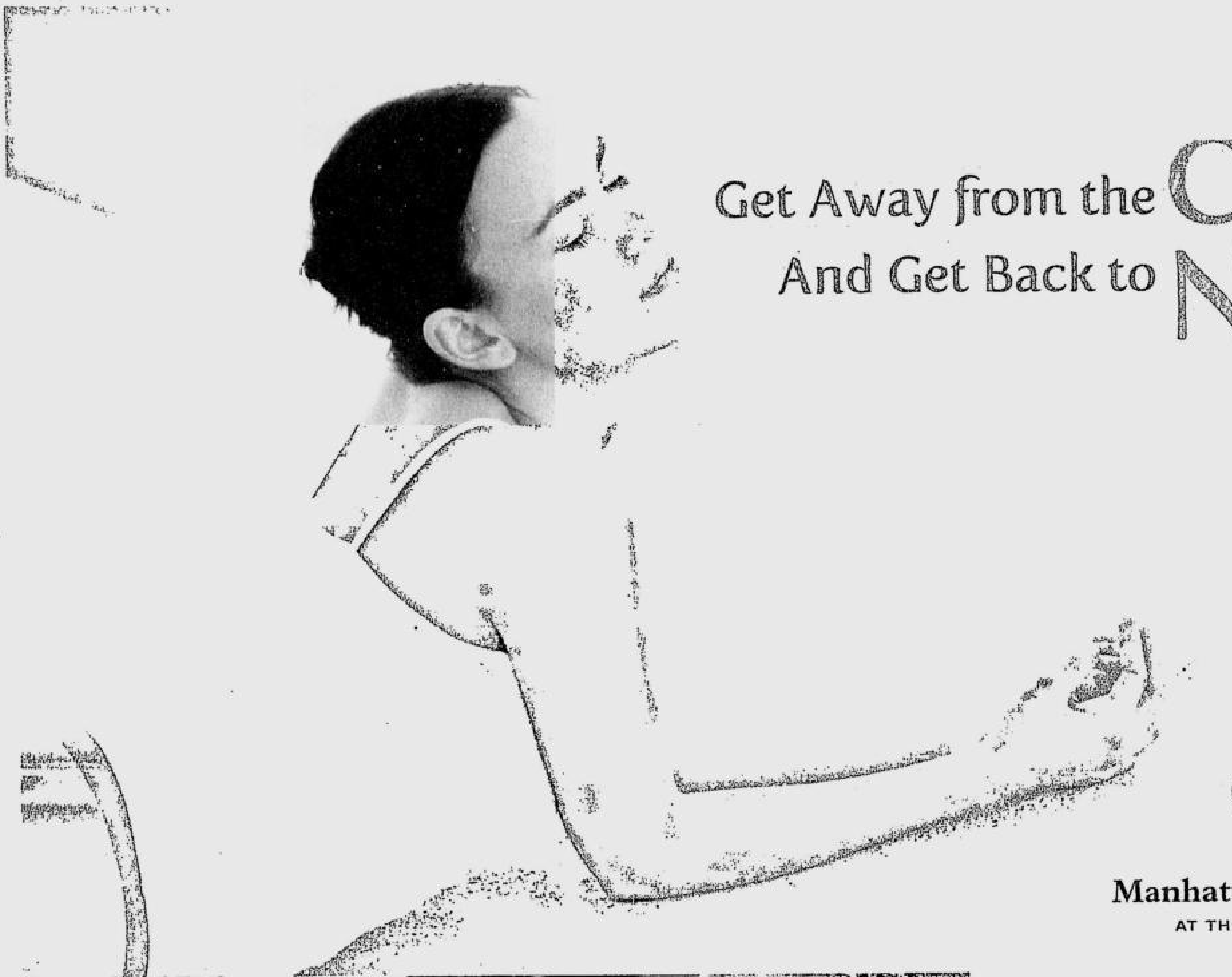

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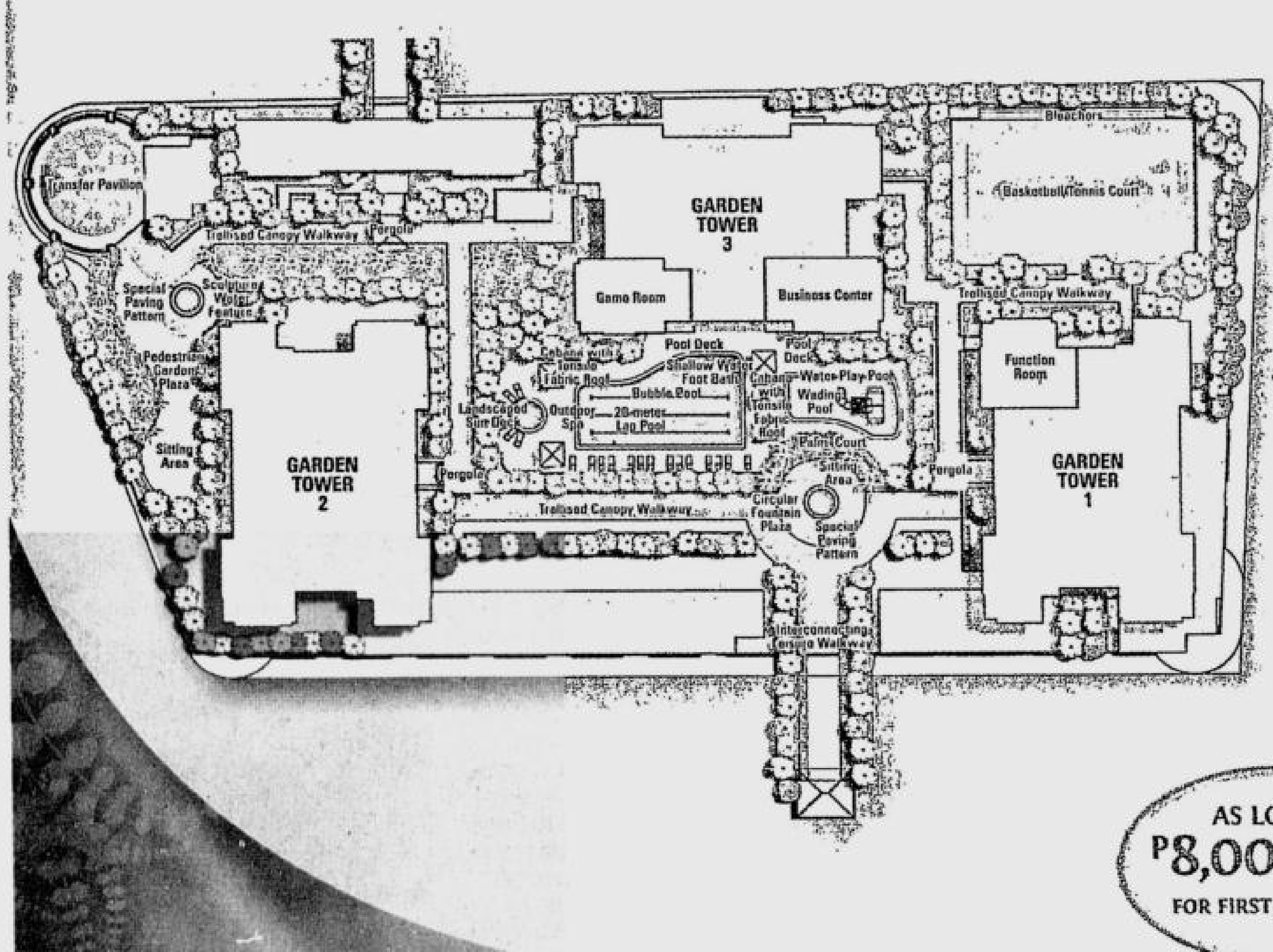
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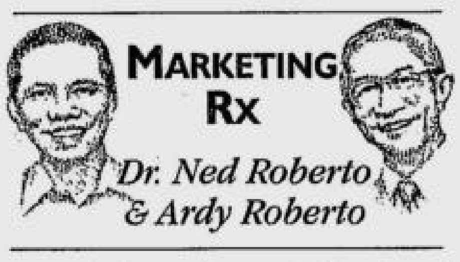
Martin Roll on leadership and branding: What is the role of the CEO?



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WE CONTINUE OUR BRANDING SEries with Martin Roll, author of Asian Brand Strategy published by Palgrave Macmillan (not John Wiley & Sons as we published in our column last week). MarketingRx interviewed the brand-guru at the recently concluded Global Brand Forum held in Singapore. For more branding articles visit Martin Roll's blog—there's lots of good stuff there for branding executives. Go visit asianbrandstrategy.com if you want more. -MarketingRx

Here's Roll on the crucial role of the CEO in your branding strategy:

A recent report by Goldman Sachs discussed the coming of age of the Asian century. The report analyzed the impending domination of China and India as economic and technological powerhouses in the global scene.

With more than 2.2 billion people, economies growing at a combined average of 8 percent a year, young and educated population and increasing disposable income, it is no wonder that Asia has become the darling of the world's corporations.

Most of the Asian markets are inundated with a number of local and global brands.

The competition has intensified, and even though Chinese companies of late have been aggressive in their expansion (Lenovo's acquisition of IBM's PC division, Haier's failed bid to acquire Maytag, CNOOC's hostile bid to take over Unocal and the leading Chinese television maker TCL's acquisition of France's Thompson to name a few), most often it is the global brand that wins the battle in market after market.

This begs the question—what is the secret behind the success of these brands?

At the outset the answer seems quite simple. Global brands, as the name suggests, are global in their reach. They operate in a number of markets, have huge resources to support their market entry and communication efforts, have the requisite expertise and have deep enough pockets to absorb initial losses.

Though this answer seems quite logical, it overlooks one very key component—the role of visionary leadership. Most of the hugely successful brands have had the benefit of being led by leaders who had a vision.

These leaders have led their brand from the front, been the brand's chief ambassador, understood the strategic importance of branding and nurtured the brand as a favored child. Not many local brands have had this critical success factor to boost their equity.

This begs another obvious question—what is the role of CEO in branding and why should branding be treated so carefully?

Leveraging Brand Equity

Understanding the answers to these seemingly simple questions have separated the winners from the losers. Branding as discipline has evolved over the last couple of decades from being just an addendum to advertising campaigns, fancy ideas of the marketing department, optional function of the elite few to finally being recognized as a boardroom discipline that not only contributes to the top and bottom line of the company but also aids in enhancing shareholder value by contributing to the market capitalization of the company.

It has been proved that over 70 percent of the market capitalization of companies listed on the NASDAQ comes from the intangibles of which brand equity is the important element.

But for companies to leverage on the brand equity, branding must become an organizational wide activity practiced by all functions. Moreover, branding must enable the following:

- Channel internal communications
- Align internal stakeholders around the brand mission
- Fuel innovation to stay on the cutting edge

For branding to play a pivotal role in the company, it has to have strong support from the CEO and corporate management. Only when the corporate strategy is aligned with the branding strategies will the company attain a unified direction, both internally and externally.

Further brand equity can be optimally leveraged only if branding is allowed and supported to play the following roles:

- Shaping the organizational culture
- Initiate organization wide cross-functional training
- Facilitate leadership
- Nurture the right mind set, skills and resources
- The CEO as brand evangelist.

When the CEO and the corporate management team actively involve themselves in and nurture branding, the above roles of branding can be effectively utilized.

A strong brand with a unique identity and personality would help define the culture of a company. It facilitates companies to either be customer centric or product centric, and thereby shapes the internal and external relations of the company with its many stakeholders.

But for a brand to perform this role, the presence and back up of a strong leadership is quintessential. By being a strong brand evangelist, a CEO can define and defend the actions of a brand.

For branding to realize its full potential in any company, employees across functions must be educated about the significance of branding and how branding affects each function in any company.

Such a cross-functional training would not only allow employees to understand the strategic contribution of their own part of the work but would also facilitate a better participation in various activities.

Most importantly, such training would allow all employees to realize the huge impact branding makes on every aspect of the business. This realization is crucial for internal branding—a process by which a brand is brought to life within the company.

A disciplined cross functional training program would then lead to a favorable atmosphere that would allow a whole generation of leaders to be groomed.

As more employees are trained beyond their functional duties, they tend to develop qualities and skill sets that can prove useful in building strong leadership traits.

These implications are indeed very strategic and influence the very nature of business. Such a function cannot be left to middle level marketing executives who would not understand the holistic perspective and appreciate the greater role branding plays in the larger scheme of things.

Moreover, branding viewed in its totality transcends the functional barriers within an organization and thus requires brand guardians to have a much complete view of the business.

Only the CEO in consultation with his senior management team can provide consistent teeth to the branding function. The corporate board would have the necessary information to decide on such strategic issues.

Going ahead, it will be these strong initiatives from CEOs and corporate boards that would anchor and sustain brands in the highly competitive global market.

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SM Supercenter goes to Muntinlupa

WHEN SM SUPERCENTER MUNTINLUPA opens its doors to the public today, it will not only bring great shopping, leisure, and entertainment to the south Metro area, but also mark a milestone as SM Prime Holdings' 30th supermall.

Strategically located in a 37,000 square meter property in Barangay Putatan, the two-level 54,000 square meter supermall will serve customers in the bustling city, as well as nearby towns in Laguna province.

Muntinlupa City serves as a major transit point in the southern part of the metropolis. Barangay Putatan, where the mall is located, is predominantly a residential area with subdivisions occupying over 60 percent of the land area with some commercial establishments around the subdivisions.

The new supermall will also serve customers in San Pedro, the first Laguna town to be fully urbanized.

With its eye-catching design and great shopping and fun options, SM Supercenter Muntinlupa is envisioned to be one of the major destinations in the area. Its blue and yellow facade makes it stand out, while the interiors are a play on color and light, making malling cozy and fun.

SM Supercenter Muntinlupa has the SM Hypermarket as its major anchor. Hypermarkets are a European concept merging food and nonfood merchandise in an exciting one-stop shop, known for its fresh section.

The mall will have SM mainstays like the SM Appliance Center, ACE Hardware, and Watsons to serve the needs of customers.

There's also a lot of shopping fun with fashion boutiques like Bench, Dickies, Human, Folded n Hung, Osh Kosh b' Gosh, Shapes, and Penshoppe, as well as specialty stores like Aksesoriz Fashion House, jewelry stores like Unisilver, optical shops like Executive Optical, and sports shops like Tribu.

Interestingly enough, it also has a school, Kevin's Library, as well as book and office supplies stores like National Bookstore, Booksale, and Office Warehouse. Techies will have a great time around the mall's telecom stores, computer stores, and audio video outlets.

The SM Food Court offers a lot of choices with outlets like Chicken Company, Sizzling Plate, Inihaw Express, Mary Jane's Mealchow, Kusina ni Gracia, Lydia's Lechon, Tita You's Binalot, Megamelt, and Juice Avenue. It also has some of the country's top food chains, Jollibee, McDonald's, Chowking, Mang Inasal, Shakey's, Tokyo Tokyo, and Goldilocks.

SM Supercenter Muntinlupa will also have four deluxe cinemas and the Quantum Amusement Center for fun around the mall. Shoppers will be delighted with the mall's service outlets—banks; salons like Bench Fix, David's; medical and dental services; Southern Sky Travel and Tours; an Everyday Laundry; photography services; as well as courier services like DHL and Mail and More.

SM Supercenter Muntinlupa's design team includes Design Associates, the mall designer; G&W Associates, the architect of the record; DA Abcede Associates; and DDT Konstruct, Inc., General Contractor.

Sari-sari stores saving ...

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our supermarkets. [We also want] to help the suppliers or companies to showcase their products," she said.

A Nestlé representative says *sari-sari* stores, which sell items at *tingi* (retail), have been a part of Filipino lives. More than 600,000 such stores now operate in the country.

The stores have become a big market for multinational companies that they produce products in small packages (like sachets) so these can be sold in retail stores, he says.

Starting small

Fernandez, the eldest of nine children, says she remembered helping tend the family grocery when she was a student. It was a good training ground for her and she eventually took over the business when her father died.

She soon opened CSI Main, near City Grocery, in the 1980s.

After the July 1990 earthquake that damaged Dagupan, Fernandez started to build CSI Square in the area where a government-owned supermarket used to stand. The earthquake destroyed the supermarket building.

Fernandez then built CSI City Mall in Lucao District, considered a "nonbusiness area" in the 1990s. The mall sparked trade and commerce in the area and is now a booming business center in western Dagupan.

The company's winning streak continued with the establishment of branches in different towns and cities of Pangasinan and in the cities of Baguio, San Fernando (La Union) and Candon (Ilocos Sur).

Its newest project is CSI Stadia (Jimmy Fernandez Center), which was opened during the *sari-sari* store fair.

According to Fernandez, a series of events have been lined up at the Stadia, such as the "Kasal Pilipino" (wedding fair), a furniture/construction fair, a concert and a car exhibit.

The Stadia, the most modern conference and sports center in Northern Luzon, has an air-conditioned main hall that can accommodate up to 7,000 people. It can be converted into a basketball arena or eight badminton courts.

Special events can be held in several function rooms.

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Real estate lectures set

A SERIES OF LECTURES ON THE DIFFERENT HOW TO'S OF INVESTING in real estate will be conducted by Urban Institute of Real Estate for prospective investors, developers, landowners and realty professionals who are expected to gain sufficient insights and confidence to finally implement proposed real estate investments. Participants will learn the ABCs of real estate principles and avoid costly mistakes normally suffered by inexperienced investors.

Numerous issues concerning real estate investment such as opportunities, joint ventures, governmental rules, property management, taxation and marketing will be discussed in this series of seminars which will be conducted from 1:30 to 6 p.m., Nov. 26, 28, Dec. 3, 5, 7 and 10 at the Maximo Function Room, Max's Restaurant, 2nd Level, Gateway Mall, Araneta Center, Cubao City. For more details, Urban Institute may be reached at 6810928, 7968019, 09164269174 or 09216839431 or by email at urbanet@pacific.net.ph.

Marketing seminars offered

MANSMITH & FIELDERS, INC. HAS RECENTLY COME UP WITH ITS marketing and sales seminars for December, which are aimed at providing participants a complete marketing know-how.

Among the seminars are the "4th Strategic Marketing Seminar: Analyzing Industry and Opportunities" set on Dec. 4 and the "19th Marketing and Sales Implementation: Excellence in Strategic Execution" on Dec. 6-7. Both seminars will be facilitated by Josiah Go, a multiawarded marketing educator, who was recently given a lifetime achievement award by the Association of Marketing Educators.

The "2nd Place Strategy: The Missing Piece in the Marketing Plan," meanwhile, is set on Dec. 11 and will teach participants how to develop a place or distribution strategy in preparing a marketing plan.

A group case presentation that directs participants to integrate what they have learned from the sessions will cap the day to enhance the learning process. Emilio Macasaet III will facilitate this session.

All seminars are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and will be held in Makati City. Those who will reserve early can enjoy an Early Bird discount. There will also be a special price for group registration of four.

For more information, call Alice at 7222318/7277142/09188116888, e-mail info@mansmith.net or visit www.mansmith.net

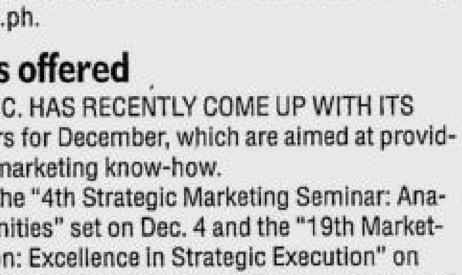
Search on for Gawad Haydee Yorac awardee

THE MANILA ELECTRIC COMPANY (MERALCO), IN COOPERATION with the University of the Philippines, has announced the nationwide search for the second Gawad Haydee Yorac for Outstanding Public Service. The award recognizes leaders from the private sector, government service and volunteer organizations whose attributes, personal work ethics and service to the nation are worth emulating.

Just like the late Yorac, the awardee must be a role model for public service. The first Gawad Haydee Yorac Awardee was Antonio P. Meloto, founder of antipoverty and nation-building charismatic movement Gawad Kalinga (GK).

The nomination is open to any Filipino citizen residing in the Philippines and who is at least 40 years old at the time of nomination. Interested parties may contact the award secretariat at 6328481 or 6315557

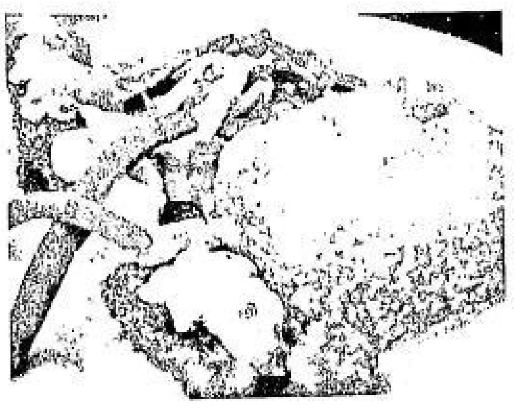
Victory Liner uses Sun Cellular

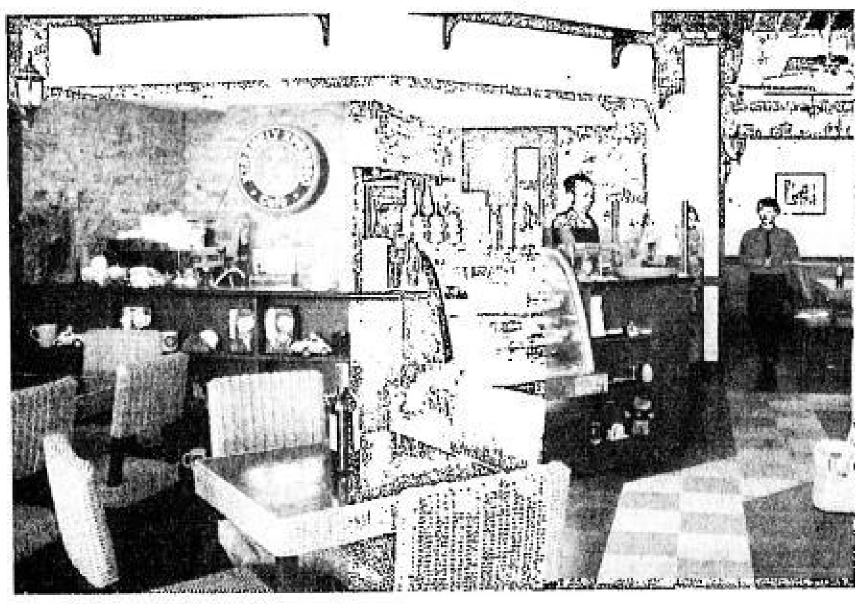


Victory Liner, one of the country's largest and most competent bus companies, now relies on Sun Cellular to monitor its fleet. The company's field and line supervisors, as well as their drivers and conductors, are on the Sun network.

Marivic del Pilar said Victory Liner has to depend on a reliable call network as it breezes through the challenge of moving tens of thousands of passengers to different provincial destinations daily.

"In the event of accidents, traffic or floods, they contact the head office in Manila, wherever in North Luzon they may be," says del Pilar. With Sun, decision-making and reaction time is cut. "With more than 50 percent savings on our phone bills, Sun helps cover any rise in fuel and toll charges," she adds. Furthermore, with Sun's increased signal and network coverage, communication between the eight major terminals and subterminals has become more efficient.





FISH Shnitzel (above), a favorite dish available in Xtremely Xpresso Café in the Clark branch (right).

Home-grown café conquers Subic, Clark

BEFORE THE ADVENT OF food chains at the Subic Bay Freeport Zone, home-grown Xtremely Xpresso Café has been quietly dishing out coffee and hot meals to residents of Olongapo and vacationers in this business and leisure enclave:

"When my late father Benson Foo opened the café in 2003, he wanted to give visitors of Subic and residents of Olongapo a dining place at par with that of Manila's restaurants," says Earl Foo, the café's manager.

Situated at the Freeport's central business district, Xtremely Xpresso is a café, restaurant, deli, and wine store rolled into one. And to date, it is perhaps one of the few establishments in the country with such a unique blend of specialties.

Named after the jazzed-up name of the popular coffee, it serves the sought-after popular Lavazza Italian brand.

"We added the word 'Xtremely' to denote that we go to the extreme to give our clients the best we can," Foo explains.

And just like metro's ubiquitous American coffee shops, it serves espressos, frappes, teas, and pastries and cookies to go along with coffee. But as patronage grew, its menu expanded to include pizzas, Italian soups and salads, pastas, and sandwiches, and then later to char-broiled steaks and grilled meat dishes.

Foo notes that one rarity why people flock to their place is their 16-slice pizza which boasts a diameter of 22 inches. "This is perhaps the biggest you can find in the country. It's a filling dish for a family or a barkada and reasonably priced too," he proudly beams.

A must-taste is the Big Ben Pizza (named after the founder) loaded with pepperoni, sausage, bacon and beef on veggies, garlic onions, peppers, mushrooms, black olives and two kinds of cheese.

The health-conscious can opt for the vegetarian pizza or the herb tuna melt composed of chunky tuna on top of white creamy sauce covered with onion rings, mushroom slices, and a dash of parsley.

Its exterior exudes a warm country-style motif that beckons passers-by. It also has a spacious area for a more relaxed al fresco dining, and needless to say the favorite spot of those who can't help but get their dose of nicotine while sipping a hot cup of coffee.

After carving a niche in Subic for the past four years, Xtremely Xpresso Café recently opened its second branch at the SM City Clark in Pampanga to cater to the growing influx of foreign and local tourists in the former air base.

Managed by the business development manager Vanessa Chanfoo, the Clark branch has instantly captured the fancy of the yuppie crowd in the metro Angeles City area which has been craving for a cozy chill out place without the price tag of a Manila café.

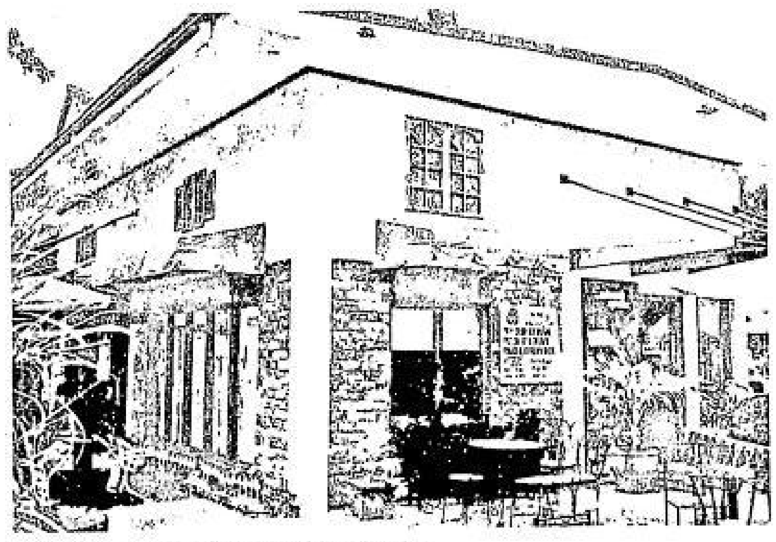
She said that it helps that Xtremely Xpresso Café offers a wide selection of food and great-tasting coffee, making it a convenient one-stop restaurant.

The cafe also introduced new dishes such as fish shnitzel, spicy Thai shrimp pasta and new varieties of pizzas, pastas and sandwiches.

She revealed that customers keep coming back because of its homey and unpretentious ambiance which is ideal for small talk.

"Despite the presence of popular food franchises in Subic and Clark, we are confident that our novelty, good food and warm service will make us the brand of choice," Chanfoo concludes.

Xtremely Xpresso Café is at Dewey Avenue cor. Sta. Rita Road, Subic Bay Freeport Zone and at the SM City Clarkfield, Pampanga.



FACADE of the café's branch in Subic.

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THE 7TH LA UNion's "Fairest sa Festival Mall ... " a One Town One Products (Otop) Trade Fair, will open today at 3 p.m. at the Mini Trade Hall, Level 2, Festival Supermall in Alabang, Muntinlupa City.

As part of the commitment of the Provincial Government of La Union, the City Government of San Fernando, and the Department of Trade and Industry La Union Provincial Office to continuously assist the SMEs in the province, they mounted this Fair until Nov. 30, 2007.

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It will showcase the creative flair of the Ilocano craftsmen and the Otop of the city and municipalities of La Union.

Products in focus include home furnishings, baskets, holiday decors, woodcarvings, antique furniture, processed foods, loom-woven items, cut flowers, and ornamental plants.

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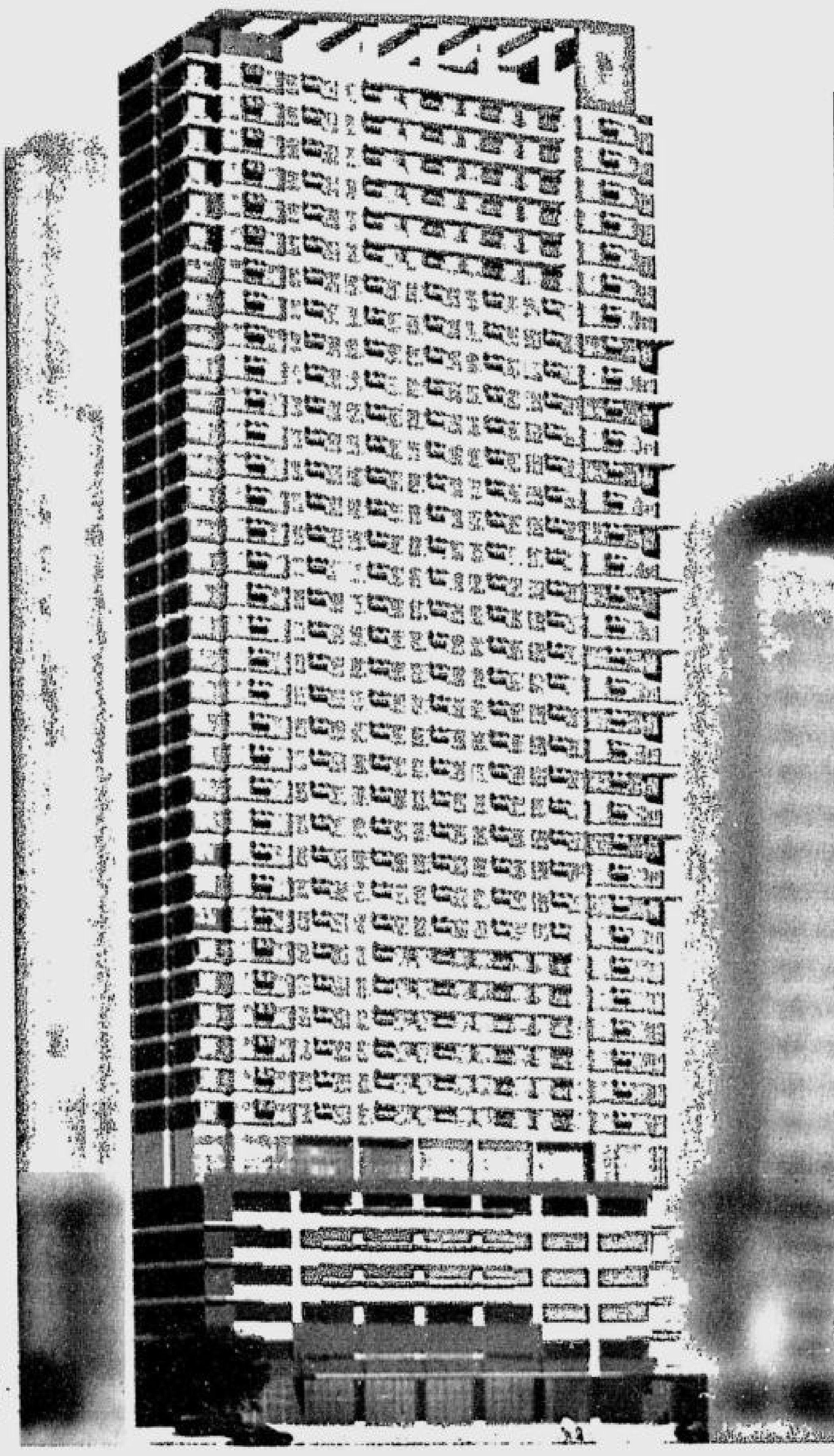

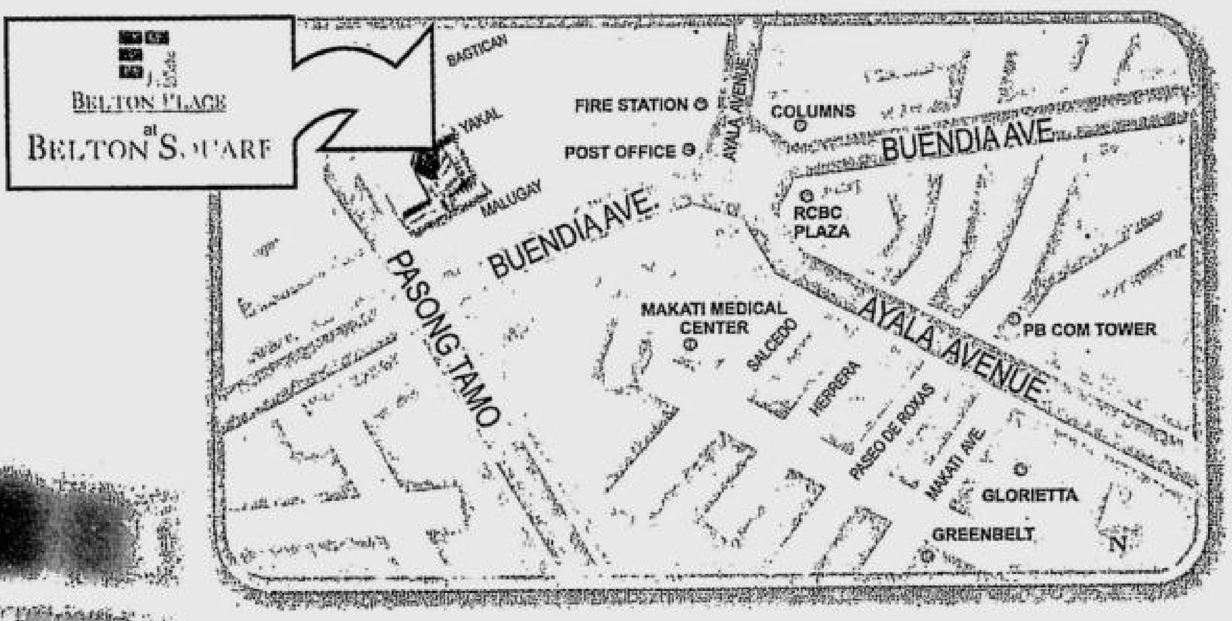
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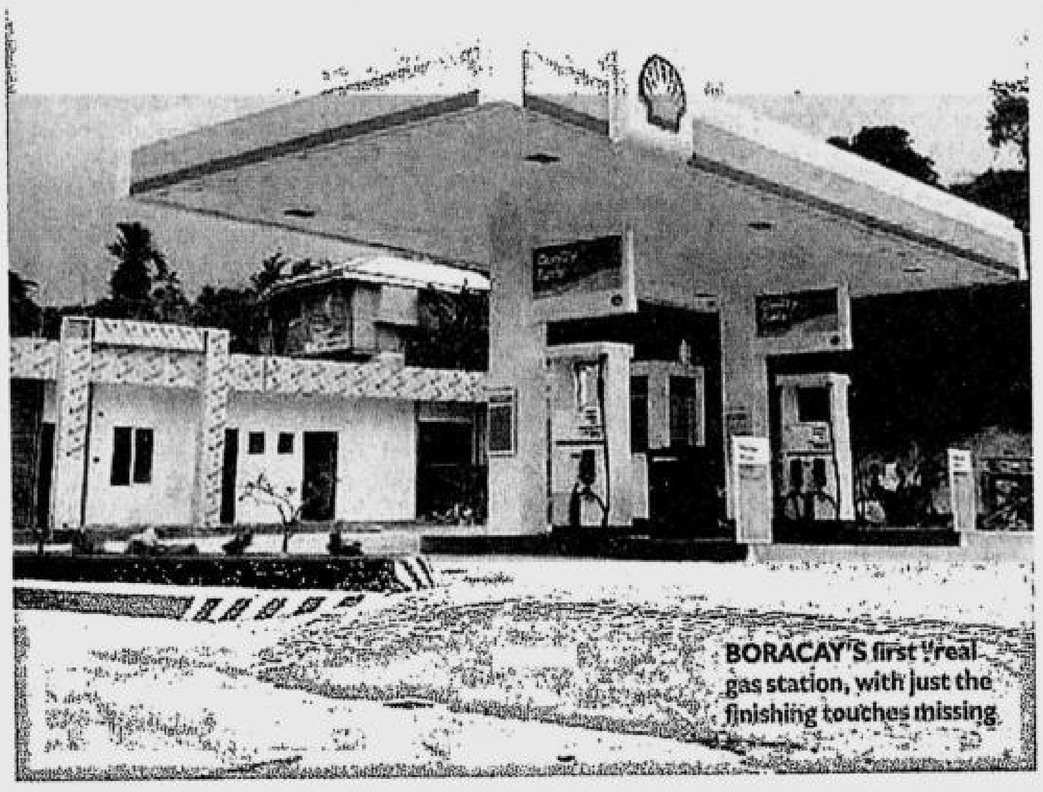


BORACAY'S first "real" gas station, with just the finishing touches missing

Shell opens Boracay's first eco-friendly gas station

By Daxim L. Lucas

WHAT IS A PETROLEUM company doing by setting up shop in a small paradise island with a fragile ecosystem?

For Pilipinas Shell and its retail group, the counterintuitive rationale for setting up the first gasoline station on Boracay Island is "to protect its environment."

While it sounds strange, it bears mentioning that the fuel needs of the booming Boracay economy are presently served through means that would make hard core environmentalists sweat.

Local motorists get their fuel through subretailers who sell fuel in one-to-four-liter containers, while commercial establishments get their fuel requirements directly from Caticlan on Panay Island, and are stored in overhead tanks or 30-liter containers.

Under current practices, fuel is shipped to Boracay in barrels or plastic containers, which are prone to accidental spillage.

The new Shell gasoline station, however, will change all this.

Under the new scheme, the dealer's fuel tanker will be loaded on a roll-on, roll-off vessel from Caticlan and will unload the fuel directly into the underground tanks of the station.

The benefits of this are a marked decrease in spillage and contamination of the environment, while untoward incidents like fires and accidental ingestion from all points of contact will be eliminated, due to the improved fuel handling system.

"By making fuel accessible on the island itself, Shell rectifies unsafe practices such as the transport of fuel in beverage bottles and unprescribed containers, the company said.

According to Sammy de Guzman, vice president for Shell Retail Philippines, "The opening of our Boracay site is part of [the company's] investment into the Philippines as an expression of our confidence in the local market."

"It is also part of our continuing effort and commitment to bring the best quality fuels to more Filipino consumers, thus helping them go even further with their fuel," he added.

The Boracay service station has three underground fuel storage tanks capable of holding up to 48,000 liters of premium, diesel and regular gasoline.

As part of its commitment to preserve the environment of the island through its "Green Fuel Systems," the station is equipped with double-walled fiber glass tanks and pipelines, taking extra measures to protect the local environment and increasing the life span of the facilities.

The site is also fitted with a "continuous monitoring system," which is armed to detect leaks within the walls of the facilities. The site's overflow prevention system automatically closes the tanks at a certain level to maintain optimum safety when the tanks are being refilled.

Shell Boracay is fitted with the company's new look and visual identity, which likewise carries along with it added benefits to the environment—it consumes less energy due to the increased use of white hues and changes in lighting fixtures.

According to the company, its Boracay station would also offer lubricants for the two-stroke engines used by numerous tricycles on the island.

These lubricants would help reduce environmentally harmful tricycle engine emissions, Shell said.

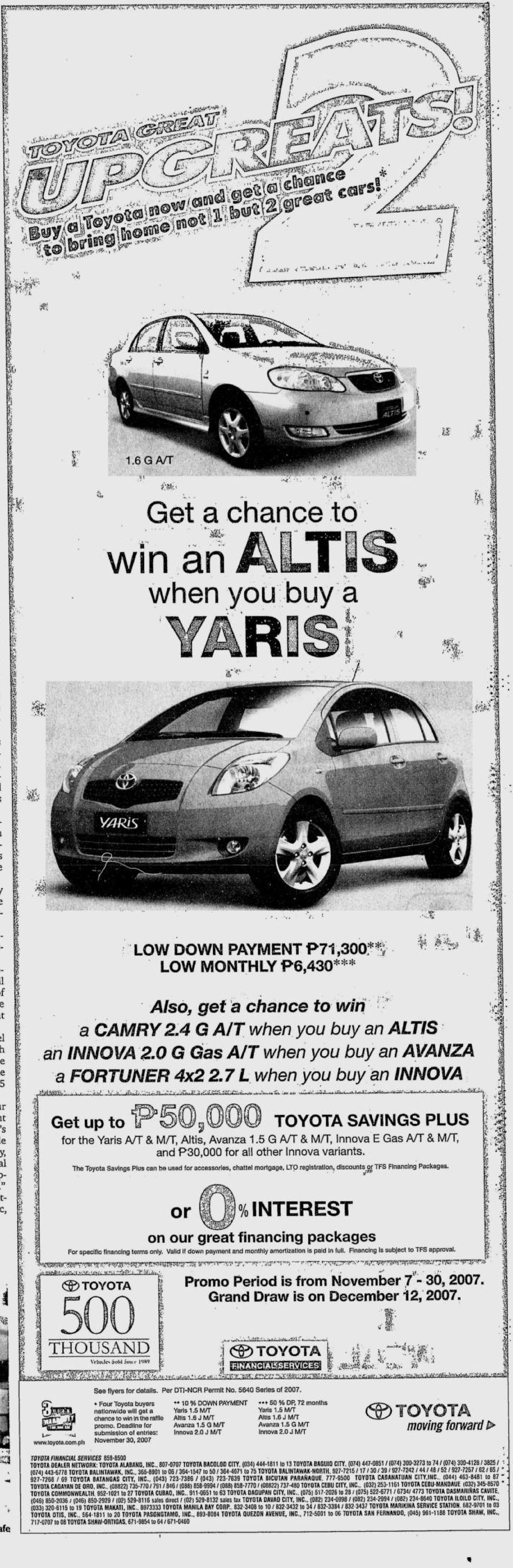
Equally importantly, however, is the economic benefit that the Shell station will bring to the Boracay economy in terms of reduced fuel costs, due in part to the economies of scale that bulk shipment brings.

According to the company, diesel fuel sold at the gas station would cost as much as 2 percent less than present prices on the island, while premium and regular gasoline prices would be cheaper by as much as 5 percent.

"We are extremely excited to make our global commitment and heritage relevant for the everyday Pinoy motorist," Shell's Visayas district manager Randy del Valle said. "With the opening of Shell Boracay, we are not only helping our professional motorists go further, but we are also helping the entire island progress even further."

The Shell Boracay service station is located in Sitio Angol, Barangay Manoc-Manoc, Boracay, Aklan.

SHELL'S service station will help protect the island's fragile ecosystem by eliminating the unsafe practice of shipping fuel using spillage-prone methods like drums and plastic containers.



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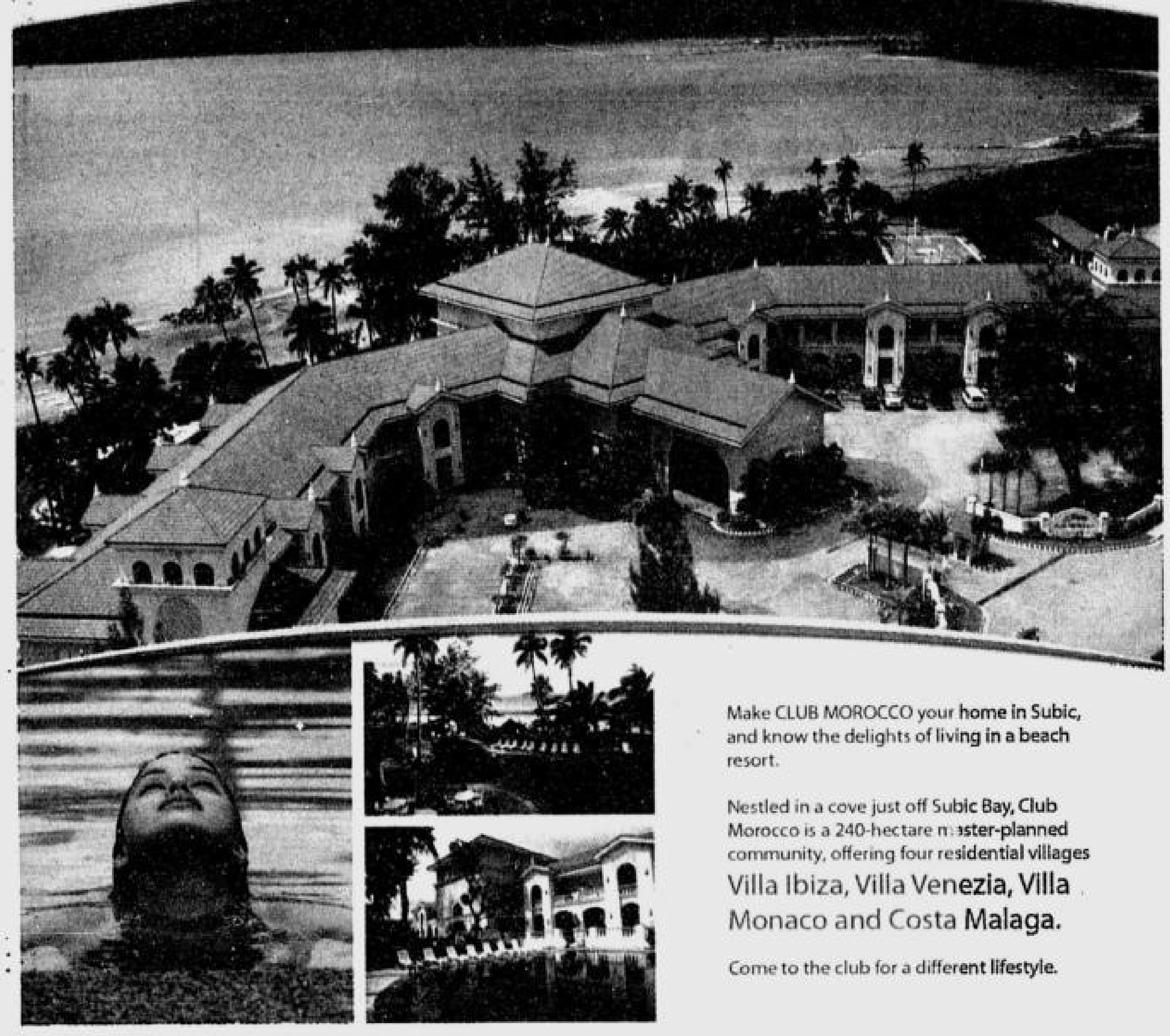

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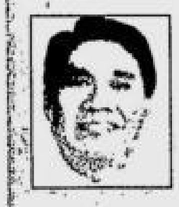

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"We always go to the best," is Dr. Vincent Akimoto's answer whenever anyone asks why he brought his mother and mother-in-law all the way from Guam to Manila for treatment at St. Luke's Medical Center. "We chose St. Luke's because it is the only hospital in the Philippines that meets international standards."

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St. Luke's is the only medical center in the Philippines that can claim to have a wide range of the world's best medical equipment. Known for its aggressive acquisition of the latest and most advanced medical equipment, St. Luke's Medical Center is the best equipped hospital in the Philippines and is better equipped than 95% of hospitals in the U.S.

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St. Luke's has a strong clinical research program that supports its medical expertise and state-of-the-art equipment. It is the first and currently the only institution in the Philippines that maintains fully operational disease databanks and disease study groups.

In 2003, St. Luke's unequalled excellence in healthcare delivery was affirmed by the Joint Commission International (JCI), the world's most prestigious healthcare accreditation body. St. Luke's Medical Center is the first JCI-accredited healthcare facility in the Philippines and the second of only 24 in Asia.

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2002 - Performed the first successful combined coronary stenting and endograft repair of aortic aneurysm

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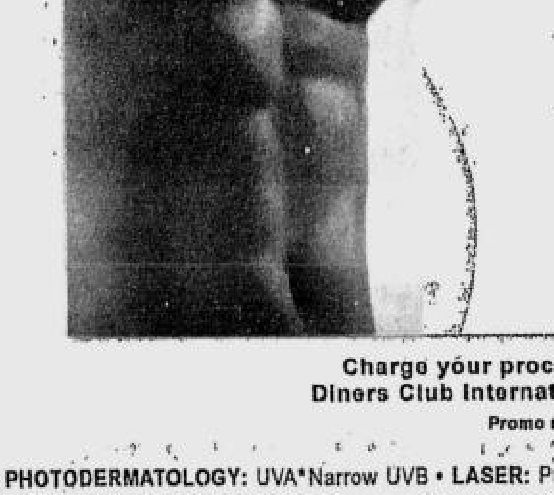

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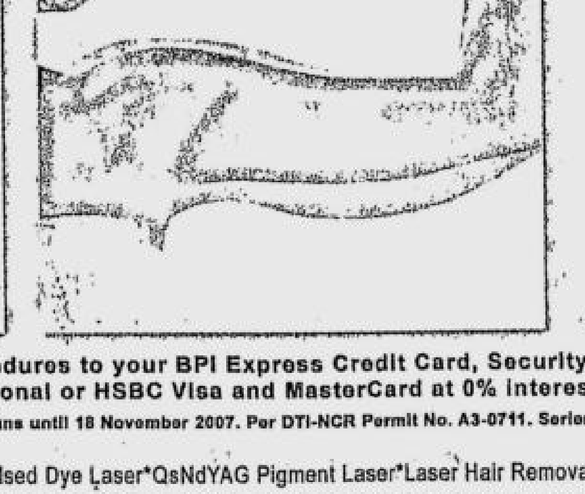

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Text2Teach education program expands to 500 more schools

DRIVEN BY THE COMMON GOAL OF helping enrich education in public schools, the Text2Teach Philippine steering committee composed of organizations such as Nokia Philippines, Ayala Foundation, the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization-Innotech (Seameo-Innotech) and Globe announced that the Text2Teach program would be made available to an additional 500 public elementary schools in the next three years.

Today, about 900,000 students from 204 public elementary schools are able to use the award-winning corporate social responsibility (CSR) program in education, Text2Teach.

These schools are found in Quezon City, Manila, Batangas, Calapan, Oriental Mindoro, Antique, Cagayan de Oro City, Maguindanao, Cotabato City, North and South Cotabato.

For the project's expansion in the next three years, Nokia has donated P27 million.

Other partners have also announced project development contributions including technology development by Globe and teacher's development by Seameo-Innotech.

Ayala Foundation leads as project secretariat.

"We hope to further strengthen our collaboration at all levels—among members of the Text2Teach alliance, among our benefactors, and among our partners in each and every community that we will reach. Together we can continue to spread the impact of Text2Teach by showing how alliances such as ours can address what might seem like insurmountable obstacles to development," said Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala II, co-vice chair of Ayala Foundation Inc.

How Text2Teach works

Text2Teach enables teachers and students to access more than 900 multimedia educational materials like video, pictures, text or audio files by requesting them via text.

The framework is simple: Text to download teaching materials and teachers are ready to provide a new classroom experience to elementary pupils who would not otherwise have access to these multimedia presentations.

With mobile phones and monthly prepaid load allowance supplied by Nokia and Globe, public schools are able to access a library of science, English and math videos provided by Pearson and Seameo-Innotech.

Each video is supported by targeted lesson plans that integrate supporting exercises and activities already linked to the curriculum.

As a result, teachers need not change the way they handle their classes because they use Text2Teach materials to support the existing curriculum.

Martin Sandelin, Nokia vice president for corporate social responsibility and community involvement, noted that Text2Teach was a leading example of how education can benefit from mobile technology.

"The enthusiasm with which teachers have embraced Text2Teach shows that this project is not about technology but about education strengthened by technology. The success of Text2Teach is also a result of the fact that this is a national Philippine project that has brought together the Department of Education, Ayala Foundation, Globe and Seameo-Innotech," he said.

Results

Text2Teach was launched in 2002 and since then, 204 scholars have been benefiting from this technology. Impact assessments of the first five years of its implementation have been made by the University of the Philippines National Institute of Science and Mathematics Education (UP-Nismed) and the UP Demographic Research and Development Foundation Inc. (UP-DRDF).

The UP-Nismed report said that absenteeism was reduced among students attending Text2Teach classes. Student performance also increased as gleaned by higher average scores in science. Interaction between teachers and students as well as among students got a boost resulting in a generally upbeat classroom environment. The UP-DRDF research complemented earlier research findings from T2T schools based in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

Continuous development

Like any technology-driven initiative, Text2Teach will also undergo developments in technology delivery platforms.

"Knowledge is increasingly becoming the most important currency today and the tool most commonly used to transfer, share and apply that knowledge is through technology," says Gerardo Ablaza Jr., president and CEO of Globe.

"With Text2Teach, Globe strengthens its commitment to use mobile technology to enable young Filipino to step up their skills. Globe believes that the right technology tools will enable them to build a better life and reach their dreams," Ablaza said.

Smart's mobile ad work bags int'l award

By Riza T. Olchondra

MACAU—A PINOY INNOVATION got the mobile world's attention as Smart Communications and partner Zad Mobile won the Best Mobile Advertising award at the Asia Mobile Congress here for their "1-IN-5 Panalo Summer Promo" for Pepsi.

The GSM Association (GSMA), the global trade association for mobile operators, announced the winners last night at the Asia Mobile Awards 2007.

This was a mobile promotion campaign to encourage cola drinkers in the Philippines to drink Pepsi. Under each bottle crown was a unique electronically generated seven-digit code that Pepsi drinkers could send to an access number to redeem instant prizes.

Ads on mobile phones are acceptable to most Filipinos, research says

According to the promotion's profile, 200 million unique codes were created for this promotion and over P30 million worth of prizes were given away, including ring tones and mobile handsets. One in five Pepsi drinkers who participated in the promotion won a prize.

Powerful medium

Danilo Mojica, head of the wireless consumer division of Smart Communications Inc., said on the sidelines of the mobile congress that the campaign was close to his heart, "The work started with us. We believe the time has come for innovation from Asia that is also made for Asia instead of waiting for it to come from the West. And mobile advertising is one such area for innovation. In emerging markets such as the Philippines, mobile phones are everywhere and mobile advertising is the most powerful platform for directly communicating with consumers."

And what a huge base of consumers it is.

Smart's subscriber base alone is approaching the 30-million mark and rival telco Globe Telecom is approaching 20 million.

Smart's internal studies have found that mobile advertising is accepted by most subscribers if it gives them a chance win to something or get discounts and rewards.

Smart won twice in previous awards competitions held by the GSMA.

One was in 2001, for Most Innovative GSM Wireless Service for Customers for its Smart Money, and another in 2004, for Best Mobile Application or Service-Consumer Market for its Smart Load.

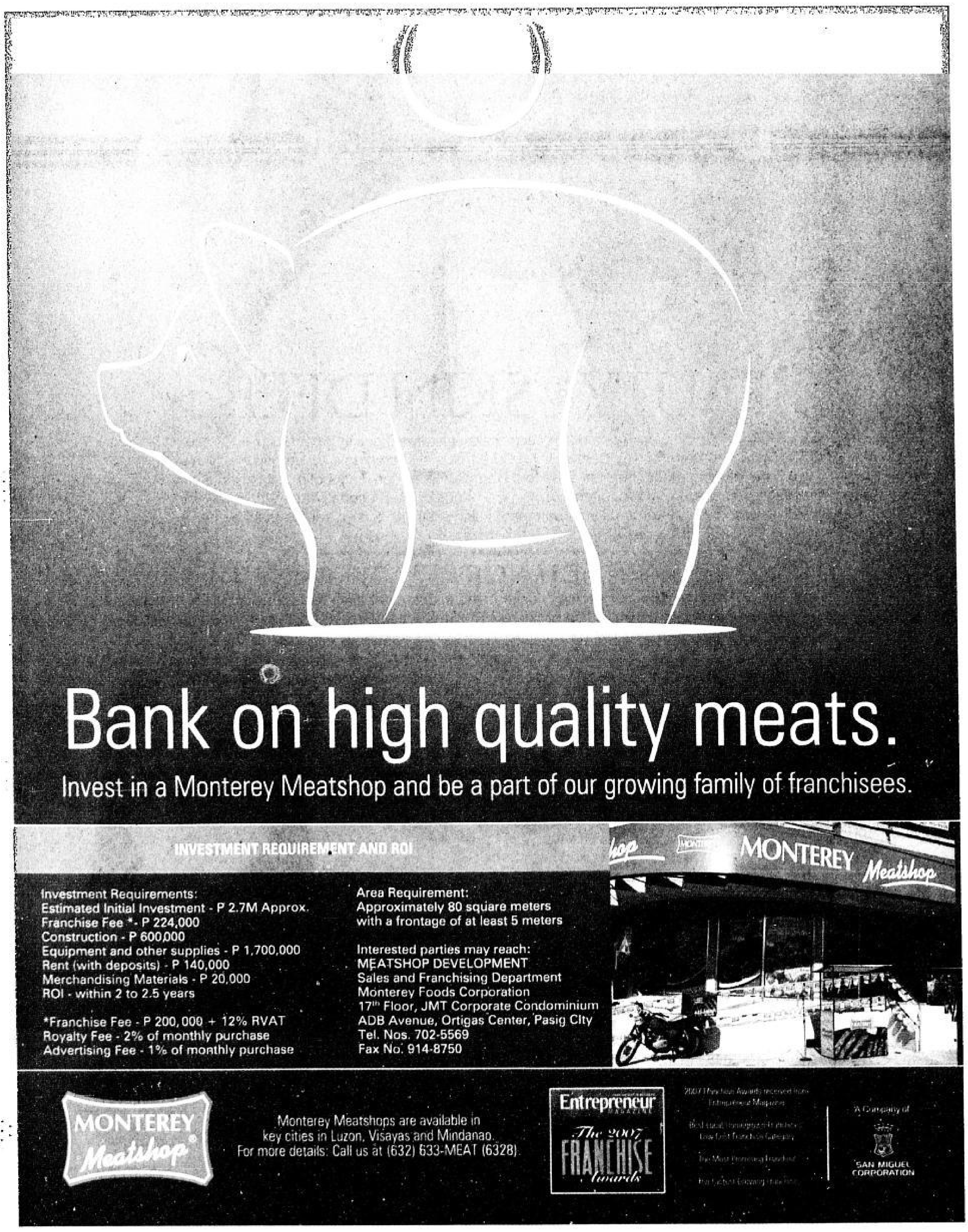
More winners

As for this year's Asia Mobile Awards 2007, the other winners are: Gameloft's "Real Football 2007" for Best Mobile Entertainment, PCCW Mobile HK's "MOOV" music library service for Best Mobile Music Service, BuzzCity's myGamma.com as Best Mobile Social Networking Service and Motorola's ultra slim MOTORAZR2 V9 as Best Mobile Broadband Handset or Device.

"We are delighted with this year's Asian Mobile Awards—they recognize the sheer pace of progress that's been made right across the region's mobile communication market. Our congratulations to the winners and nominees and our thanks to everyone who participated," said Rob Conway, CEO of the GSM Association (GSMA), said in a statement.

The GSMA is the global trade association representing more than 700 GSM mobile phone operators across 218 countries and territories of the world.

The primary goals of the GSMA are to ensure mobile phones and wireless services work globally and are easily accessible, enhancing their value to individual customers and national economies, while creating new business opportunities for operators and their suppliers.



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All threads bright and beautiful

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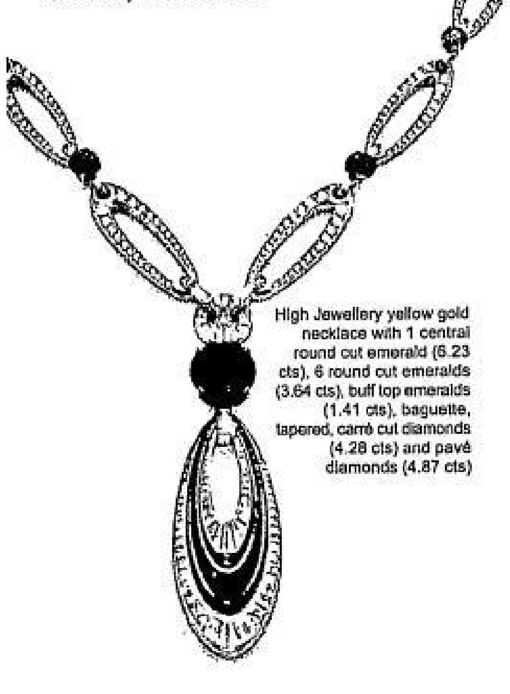
BULGARI IN COLOR

Bulgari introduces a spectacular array of colored gems through its new collection, Elisia. Now in Manila, the sophisticated, feminine line of jewelry makes use of the elliptical shape as its signature characteristic, combining contemporary creativity with traditional motifs.

Necklaces, rings and earrings comprise this colorful collection, with white gold or yellow gold serving as the setting for a great variety of colored stones, diamonds, enamel, coral and mother of pearl. The jewels' cabochon and faceted cuts create a soft, sinuous form which highlight each piece's chromatic effects and sinuous proportions.

Elisia is perfect for the sophisticated woman who prefers to wear unique, timeless jewelry.

Elisia is available at Bulgari Boutiques, 6750 Shopping Arcade, 8933189 and Greenbelt 4, Ayala Center, 7285061.



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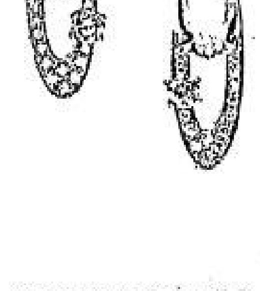

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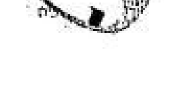

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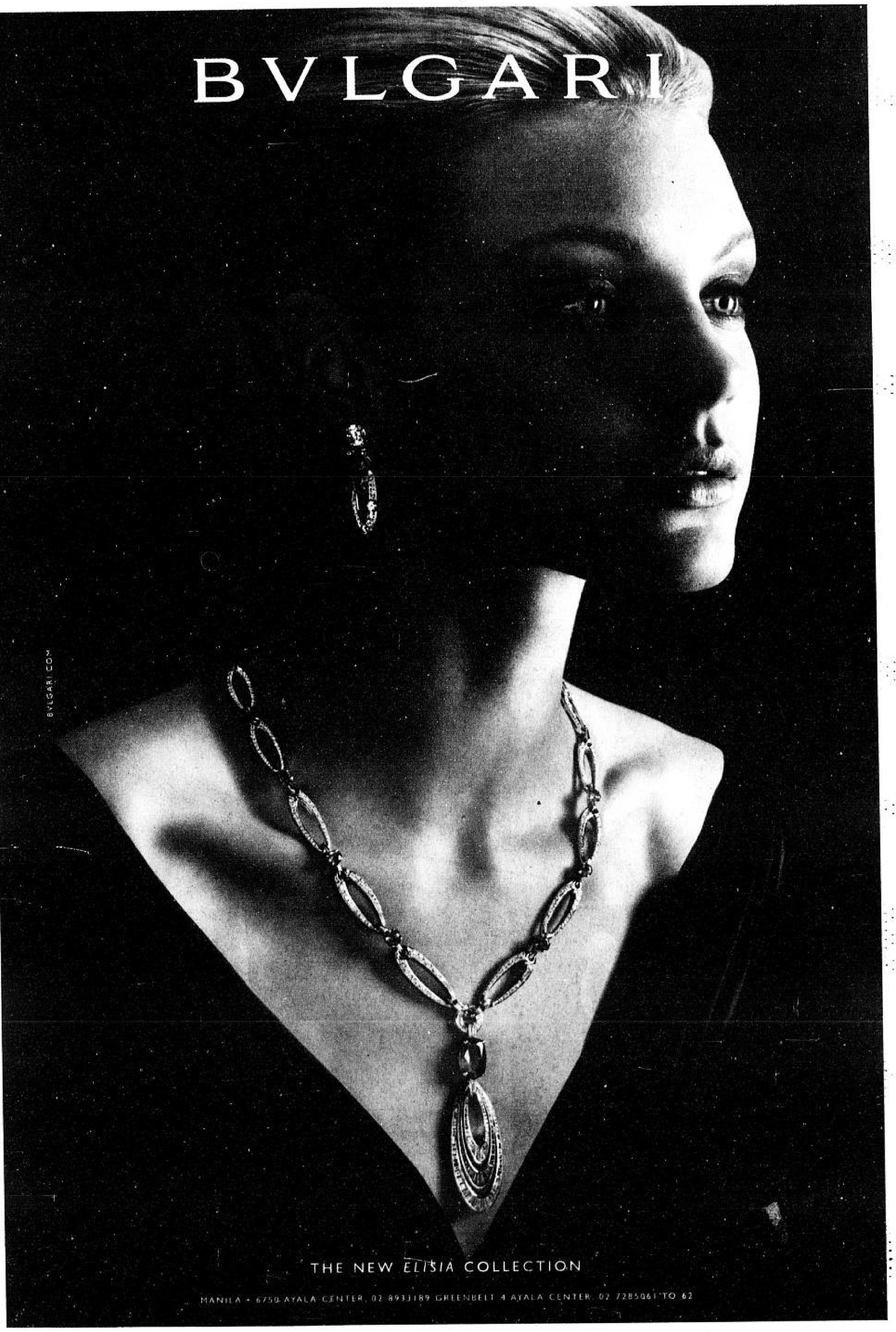

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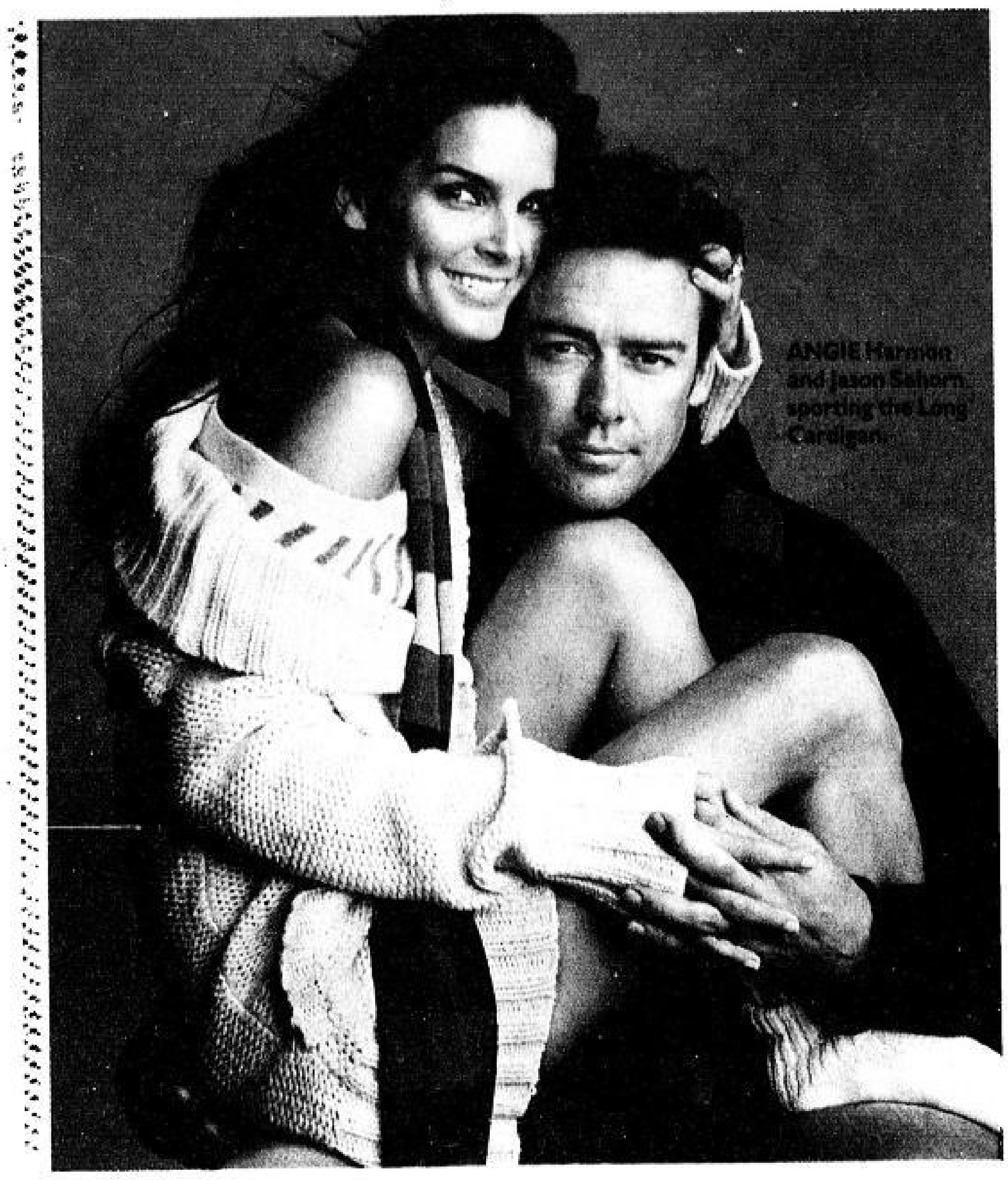
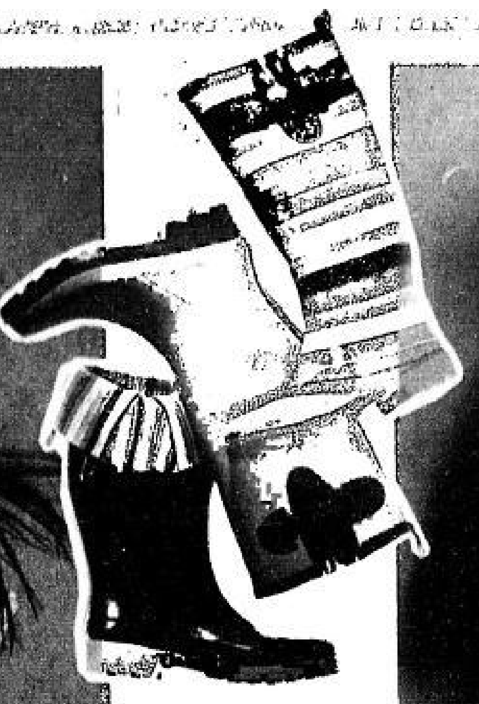


ANGIE Harmon and Jason Sehorn sporting the Long Cardigan.

THE TRAPEZE Sweater and the Baby Gap Crazy Stripe Sweater



WELLINGTON Boots (above) and Rugby Stripe Gloves (below)

All threads bright and beautiful

COLORS FILL IN THE GAP holiday 2007 collection. From cozy sweaters to party dresses, classic shirts to dressed up pants, versatile denim to fun accessories, Gap's holiday collection comes in bright shades of shamrock, cinnabar red, pink hibiscus and fireglow, and comfy textures like knit, fleece, leather, nylon and cotton.

The must-have Crazy Stripe sweater injects a festive quality into one's basic holiday wardrobe. Stock up on quintessential knits like the women's cowlneck sweater and cable-knit sweater and men's fisherman turtleneck in everyday neutrals like black, grey and cream. For better protection from an outdoor breeze, wrap yourself in Gap's wool coat, velvet jacket or a heavier-duty puffer jacket.

Women will love Gap's evening jersey dresses featuring pleated details, empire waists and satin ties. Complete the look with sparkly ballet flats or sequined sandals and a glimmering, metallic clutch. Or opt for casual elegance with a selection of woven tops with modern details like a quarter or lantern sleeve paired with straight cut trousers or skinny cropped pants.

The men's collection offers the quintessential oxford, fitted or plaid shirt in smooth finishes like cotton chambray and cotton sateen. These versatile tops go perfectly with jeans or dress pants and chinos and can go from a daytime party to a nighttime event.

Also, you can't go wrong with Gap's Favorite Tee, women's Fresh Cuff Shirt, the men's Plasticol t-shirt as well as the essential Pique Polo—all update with colorful stripes.

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Complete your holiday style with Gap's accessories! Add comfy extras

A very Vuitton Christmas

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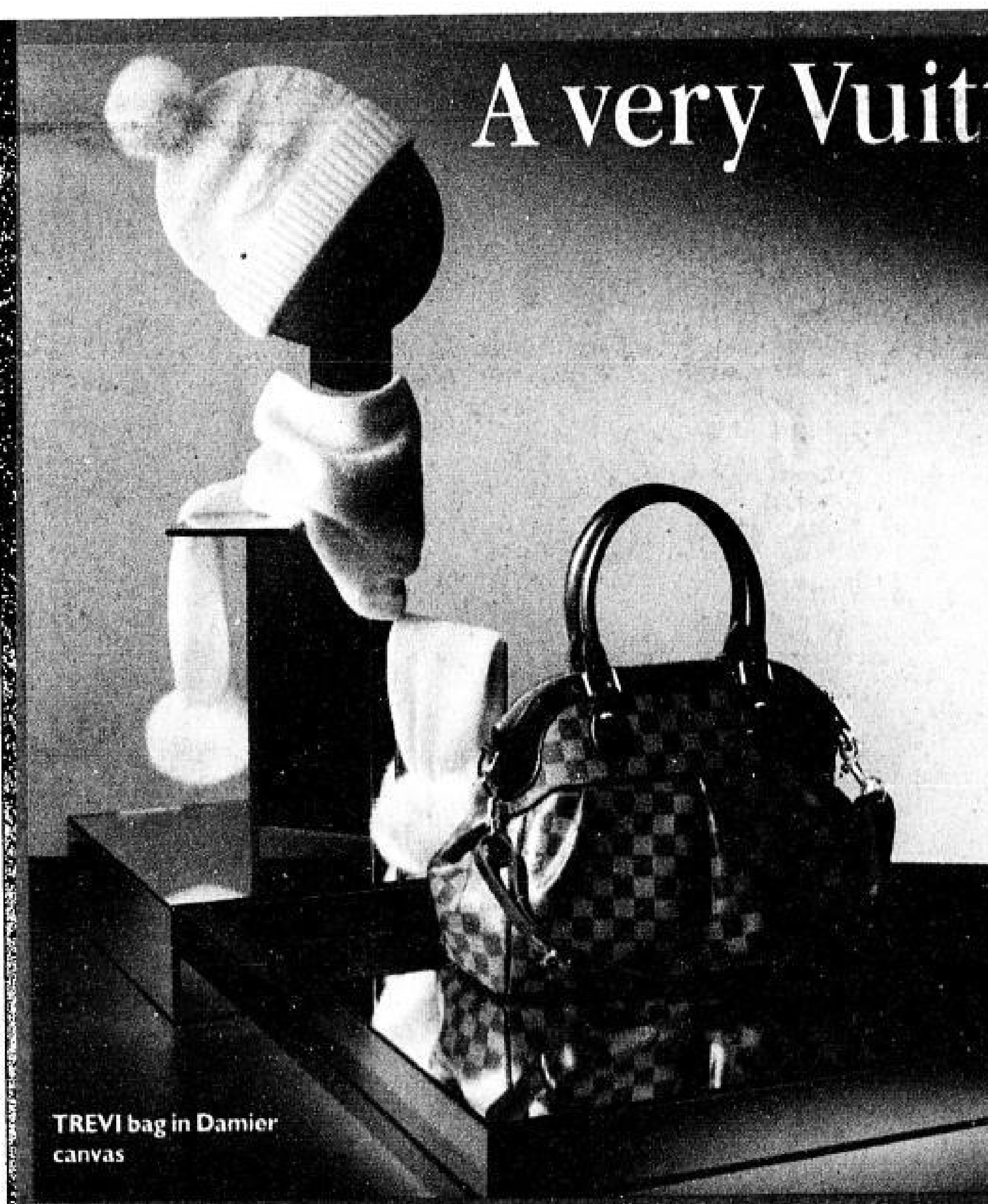

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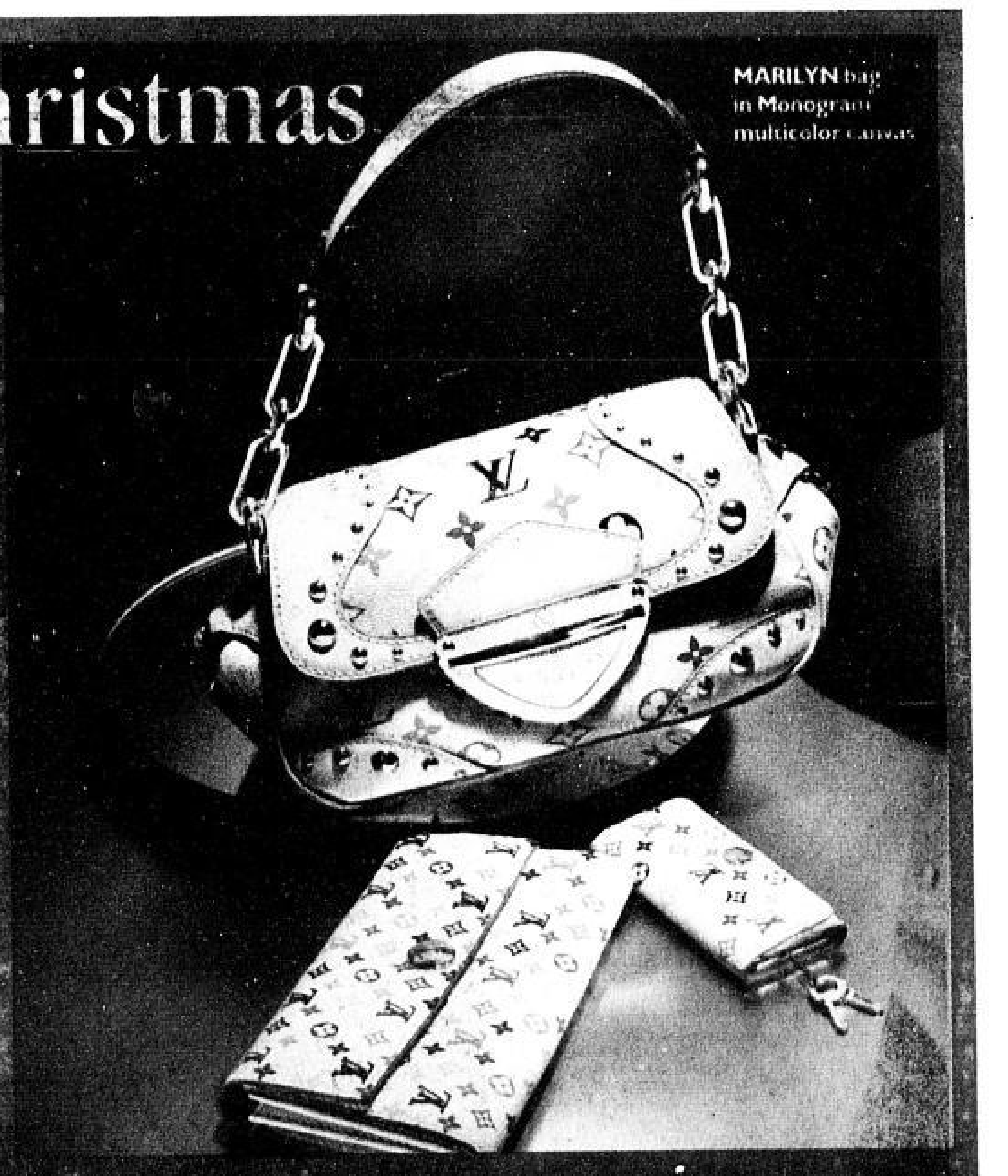

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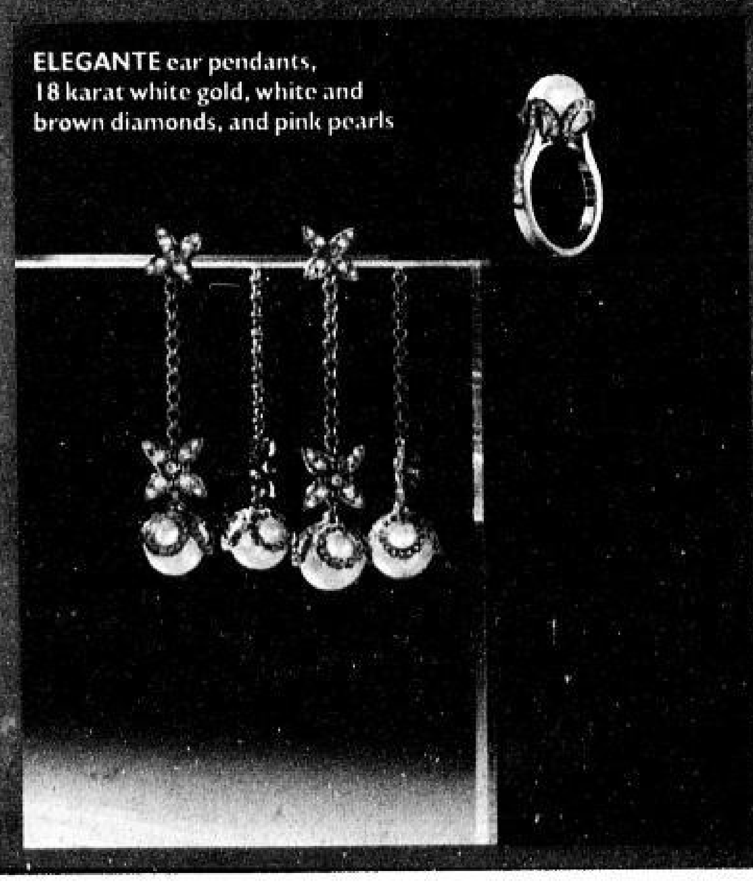

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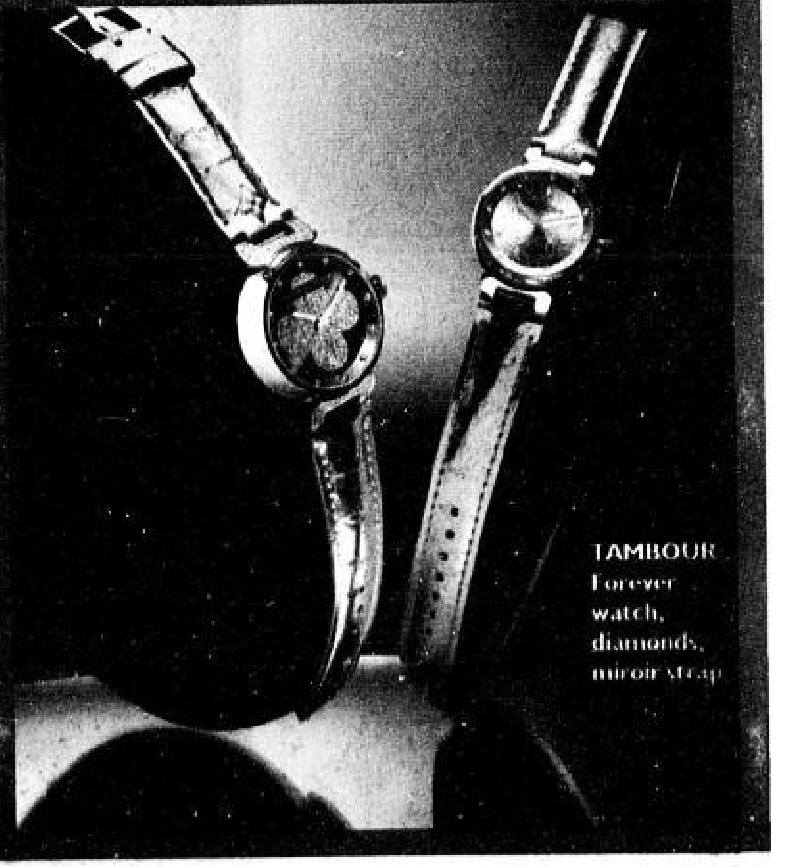

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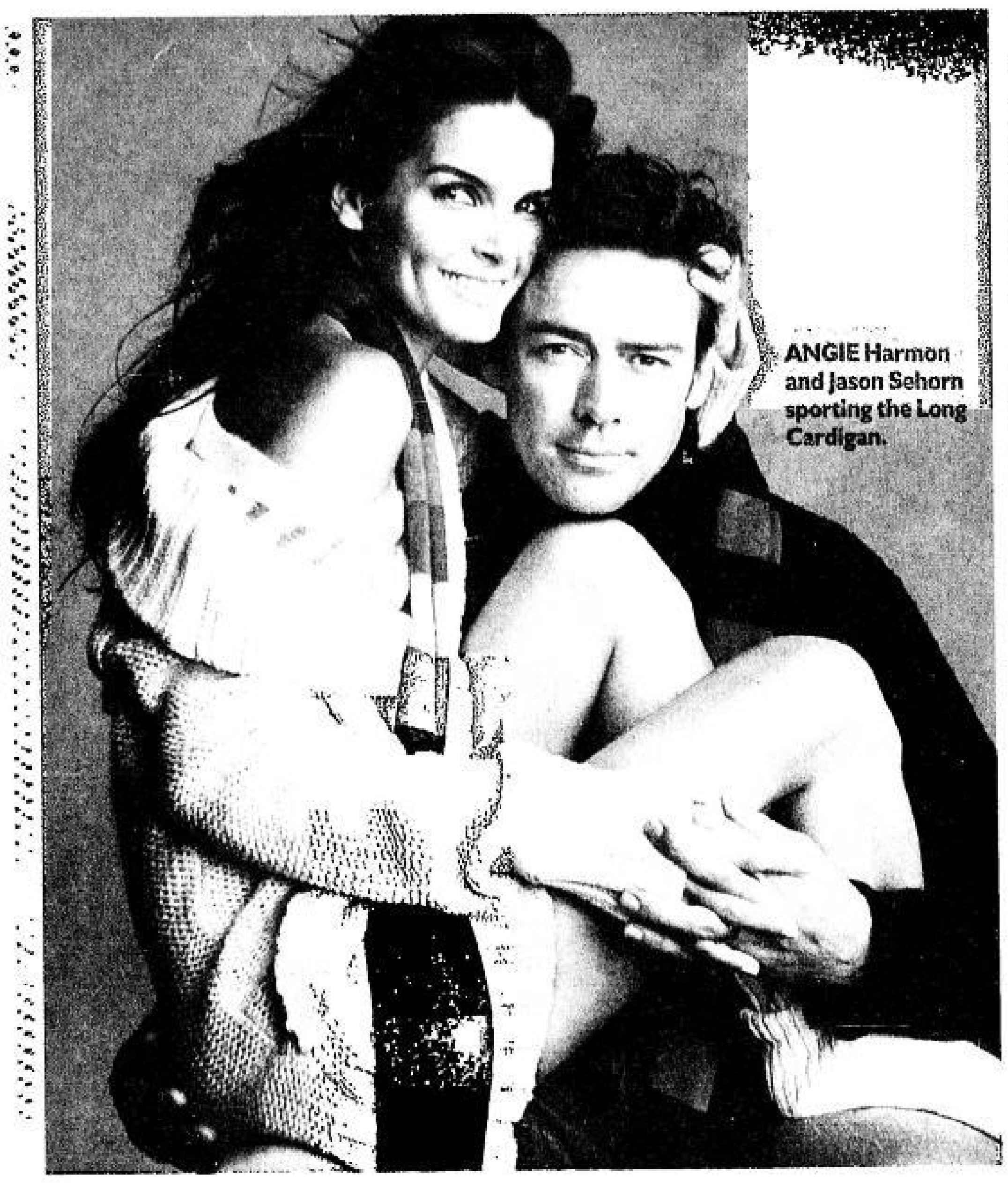

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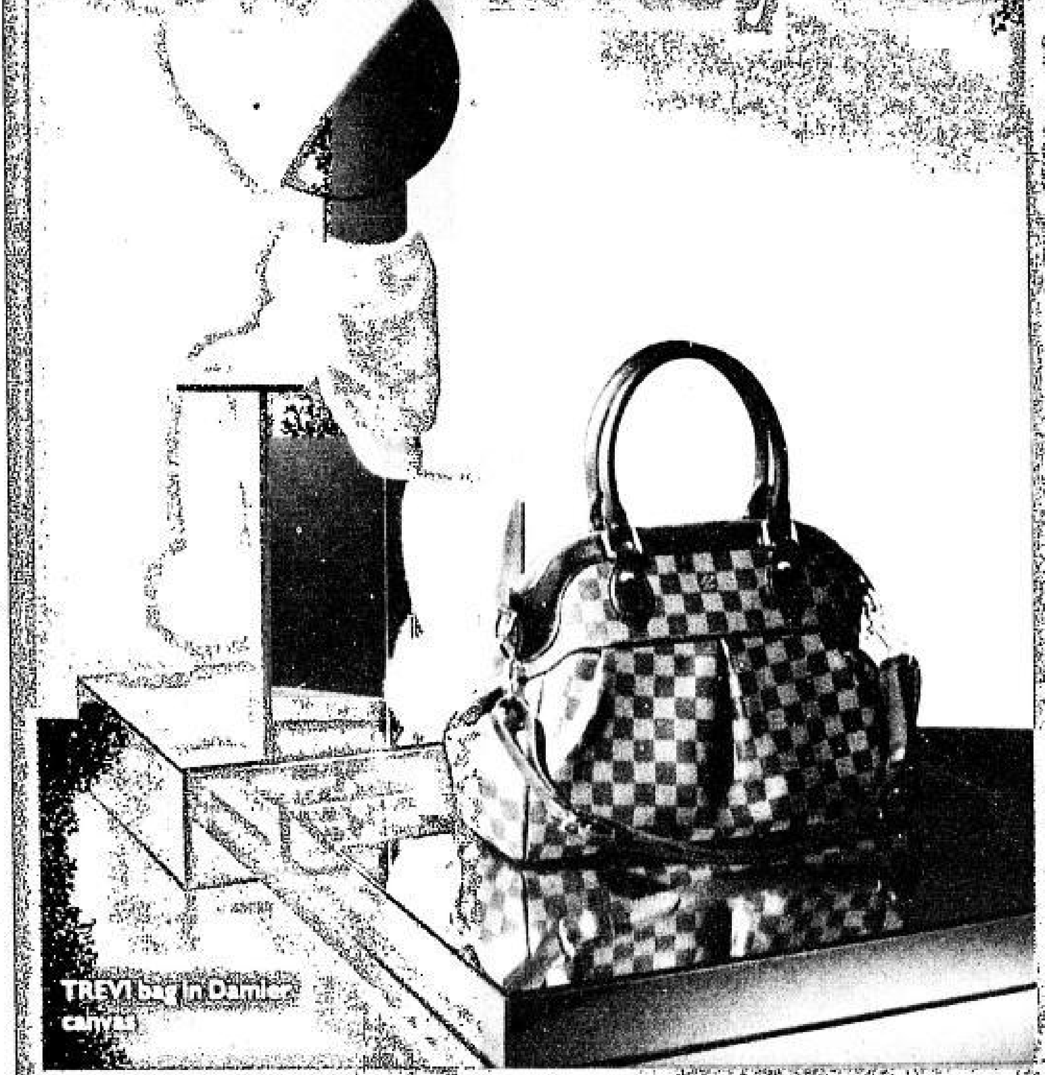

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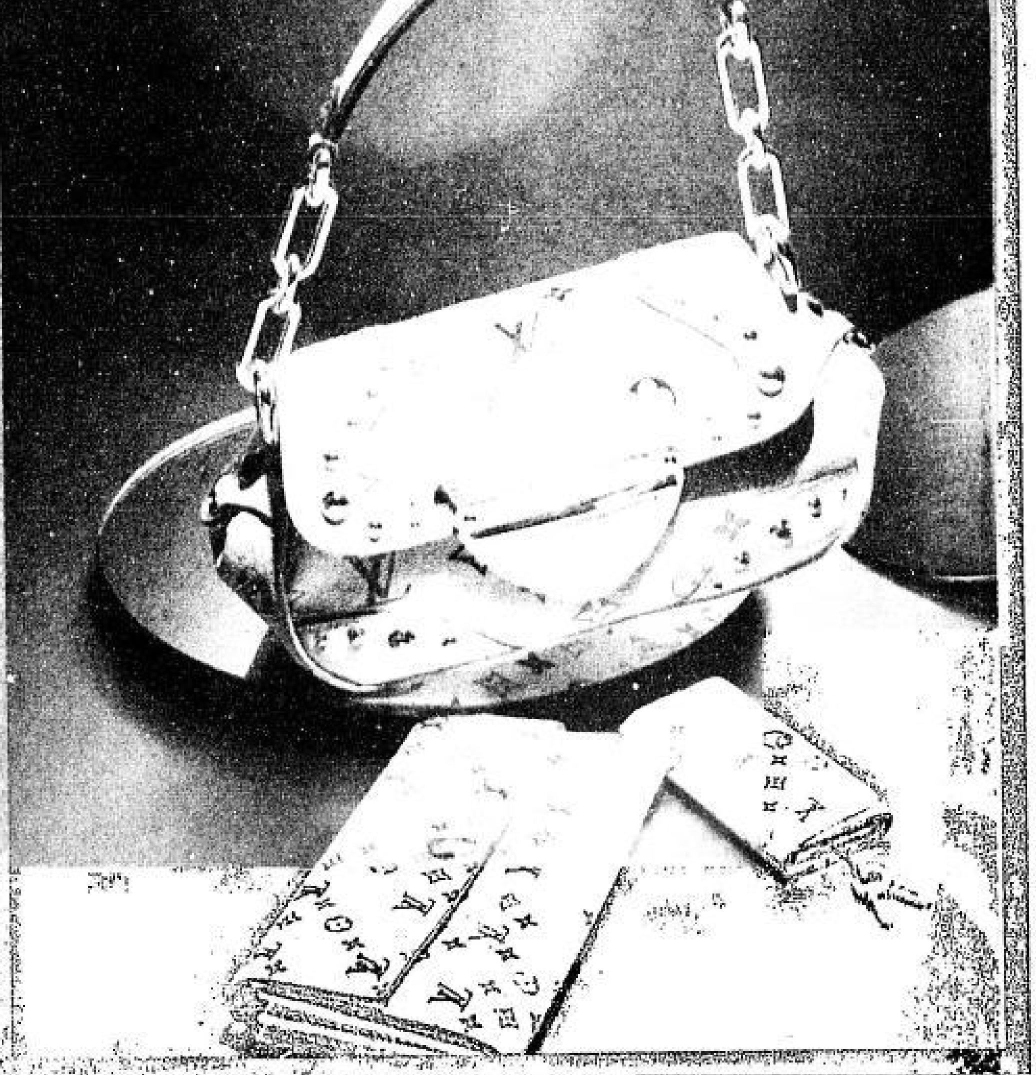

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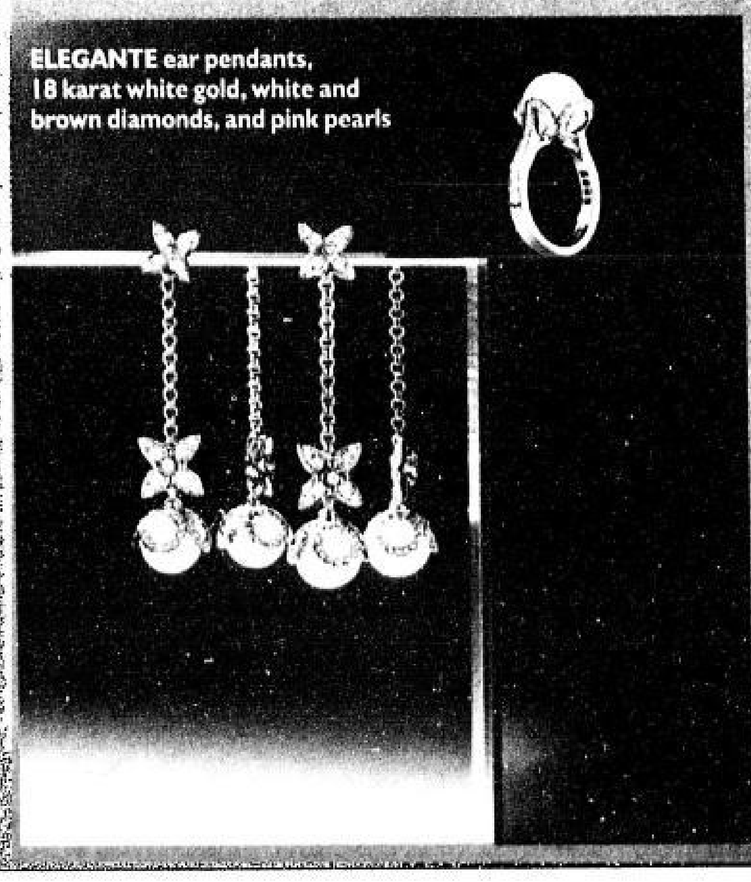

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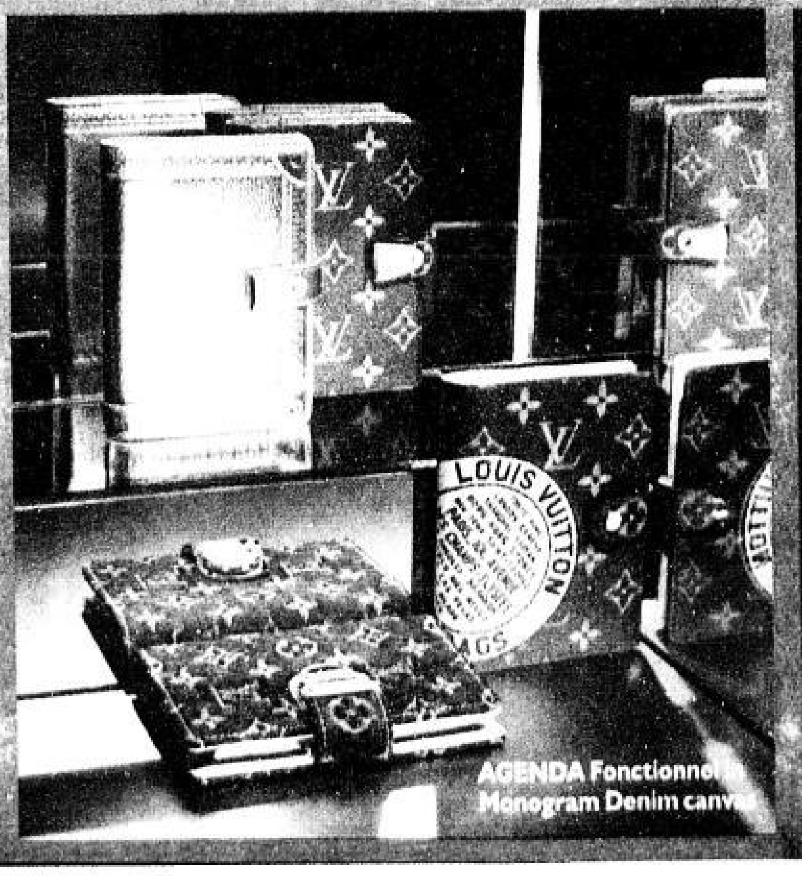

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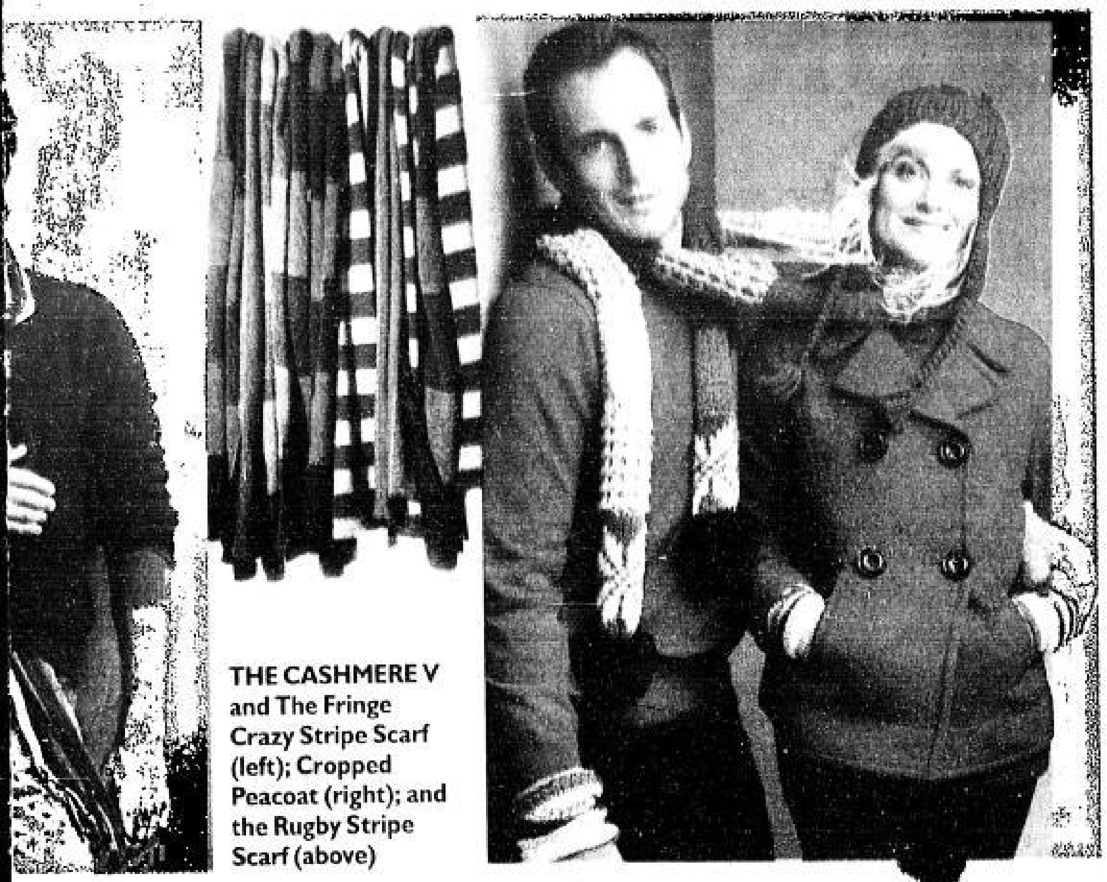
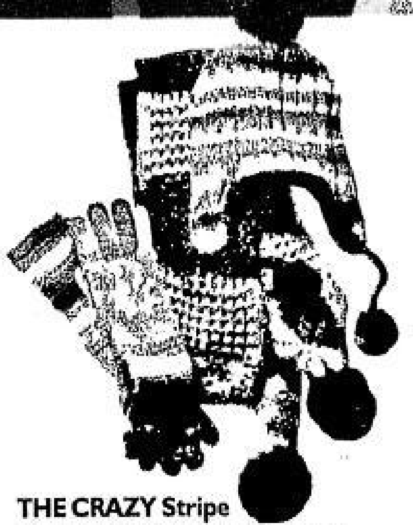


THE CASHMERE V and The Fringe Crazy Stripe Scarf (left); Cropped Peacoat (right); and the Rugby Stripe Scarf (above)



THE CRAZY Stripe Crochet Gloves Scarf and Hat

like gloves and hats in soft textures like fleece, faux fur and wool. Top your outfit with a burst of energetic hues via the Crazy Stripe scarf. Finally, rainy days need not dampen your spirits with your Crazy Stripe Umbrella and Crazy Stripe Buckle Wellie Boot.

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As if all these weren't enough, SM Supercenter Muntinlupa also offers ***express entertainment*** with its cinemas and other leisure establishments. You can also get express treats with exciting shows from top celebrities! Catch ***PBB Season 2 Housemates***, ***Dennis Trillo*** and the ***Freestyle Band*** on November 16, ***Dingdong Dantes***, ***Jed Madela*** and ***Ronnie Liang***, ***Yasmien Kurdi*** and the cast of ***Pasukob Movie Tour*** on November 17. Watch out for ***Sam Milby*** and ***Jennylyn Mercado*** on November 18.

Nestled along Manila South Road in Barangay Tunasan, SM Supercenter Muntinlupa can be easily visited with ***express access*** via the Susana Heights Exit for those coming from the South Luzon Expressway (SLEX), Manila South Road and Alabang Zapote Road with the Alabang Interchange serving as a link and primary transit point.

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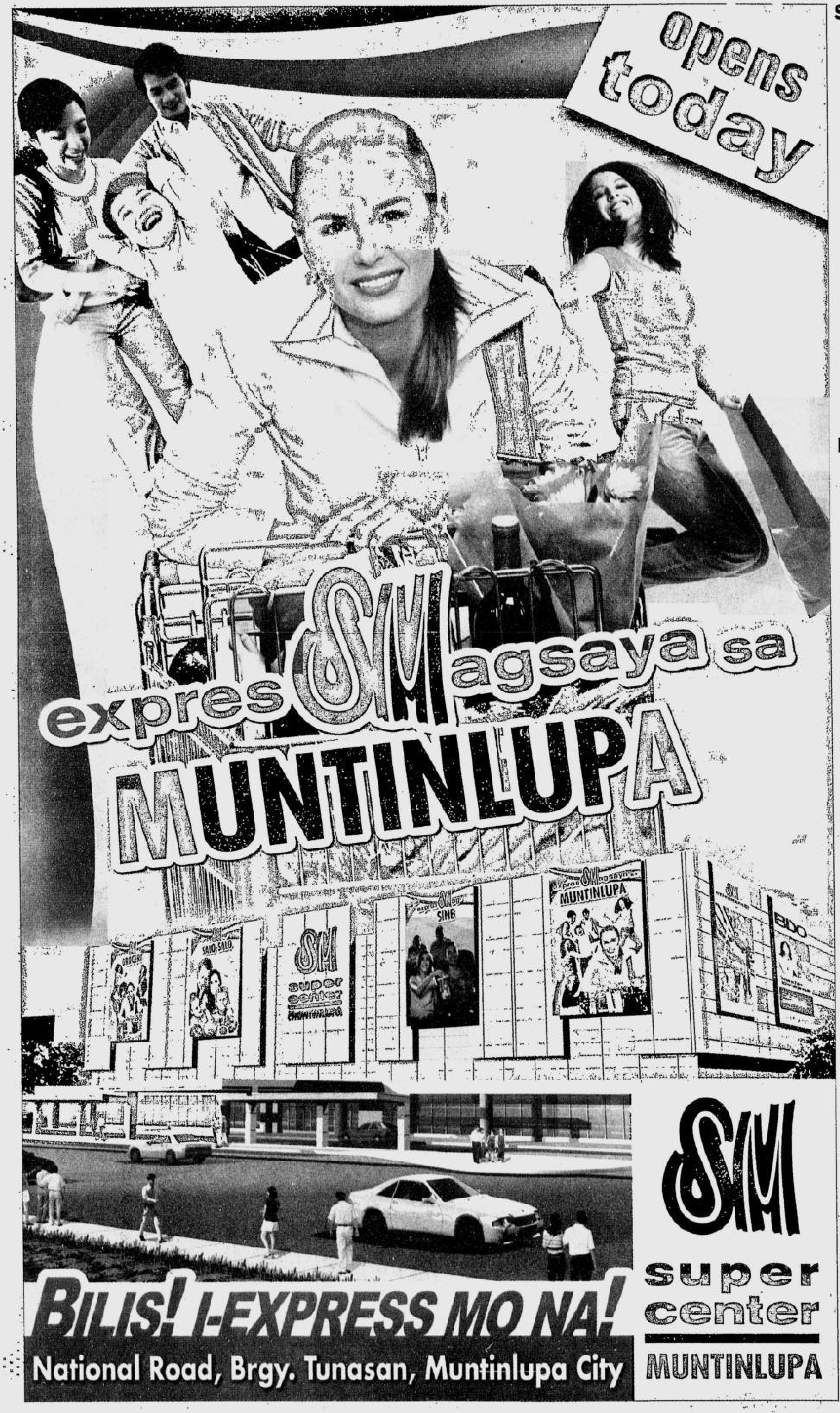
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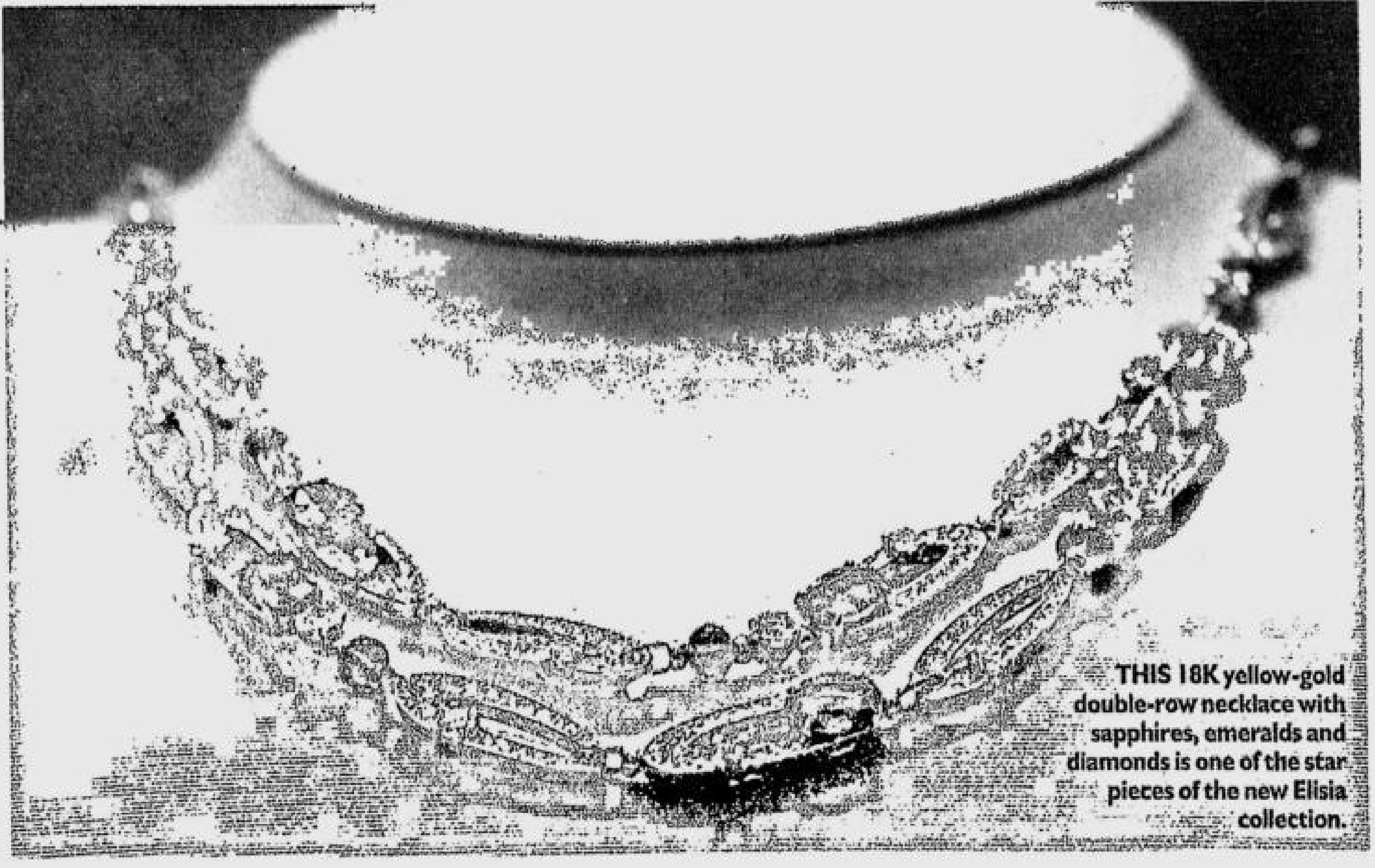
Roman grandeur

Bulgari's latest gem collection derives strong influence from the ancient empire's glorious architecture



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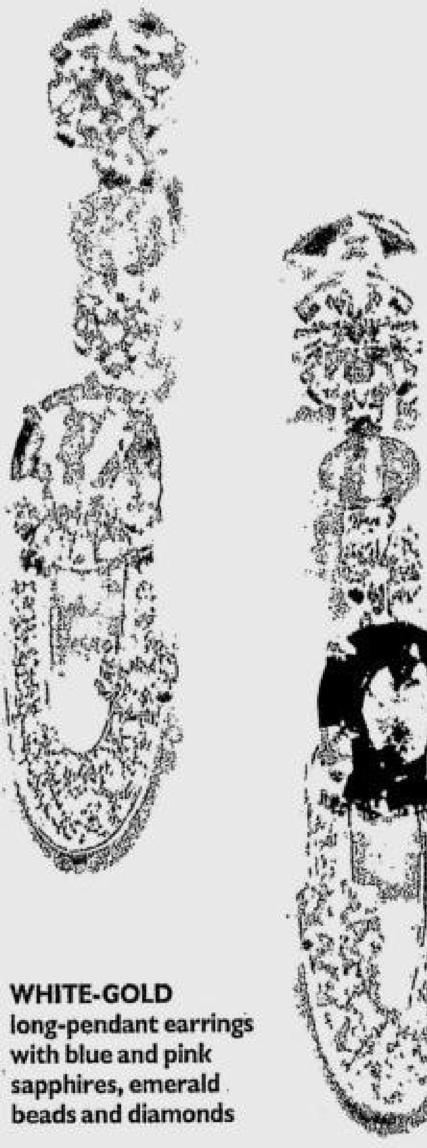

WHITE-GOLD long-pendant earrings with blue and pink sapphires, emerald beads and diamonds

By Cheche V. Moral
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

WHEN A WOMAN DROPS P4 million for a piece of jewelry, the jeweler must make sure she won't bump into another woman wearing the same bling or there'll be, well, more than P4 million to pay.

Mario Katigbak, country manager of Bulgari, has always made sure no such unfortunate event ever happens on his watch. Only a single item of the jewelry brand's higher-end pieces gets sold at the Bulgari boutique in Greenbelt 4, Makati.

"That's our deal with Bulgari clients. If the [top-of-the-line] item is sold, we don't order again. If you want it, you have to buy it abroad," Katigbak said at the exclusive preview of Elisia, the latest collection from the Italian jewelry house.

Such was the case when the Elisia collection was launched last night at Makati Shangri-La: the loyal client was assured her P4-million purchase—the price tag for each of the key items—was one of a kind, or at least hereabouts.

Elliptical forms and colored stones characterize the new collection, a throwback to Bulgari's favored shape that be-

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MARIO Katigbak, Bulgari country manager

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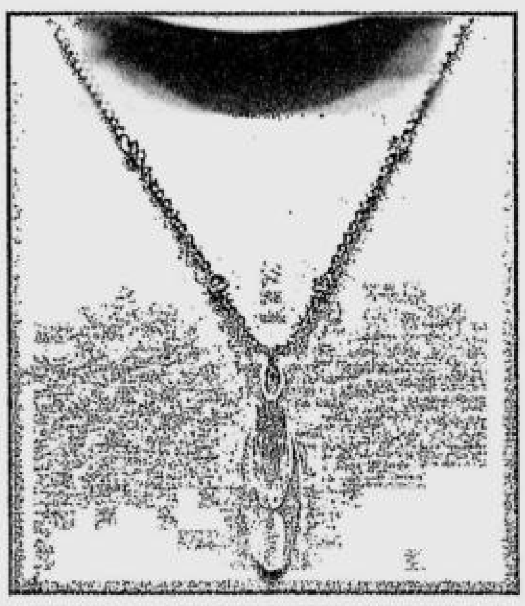
18K yellow-gold necklace with one-row pendant of sapphires, emerald beads and pavé diamonds

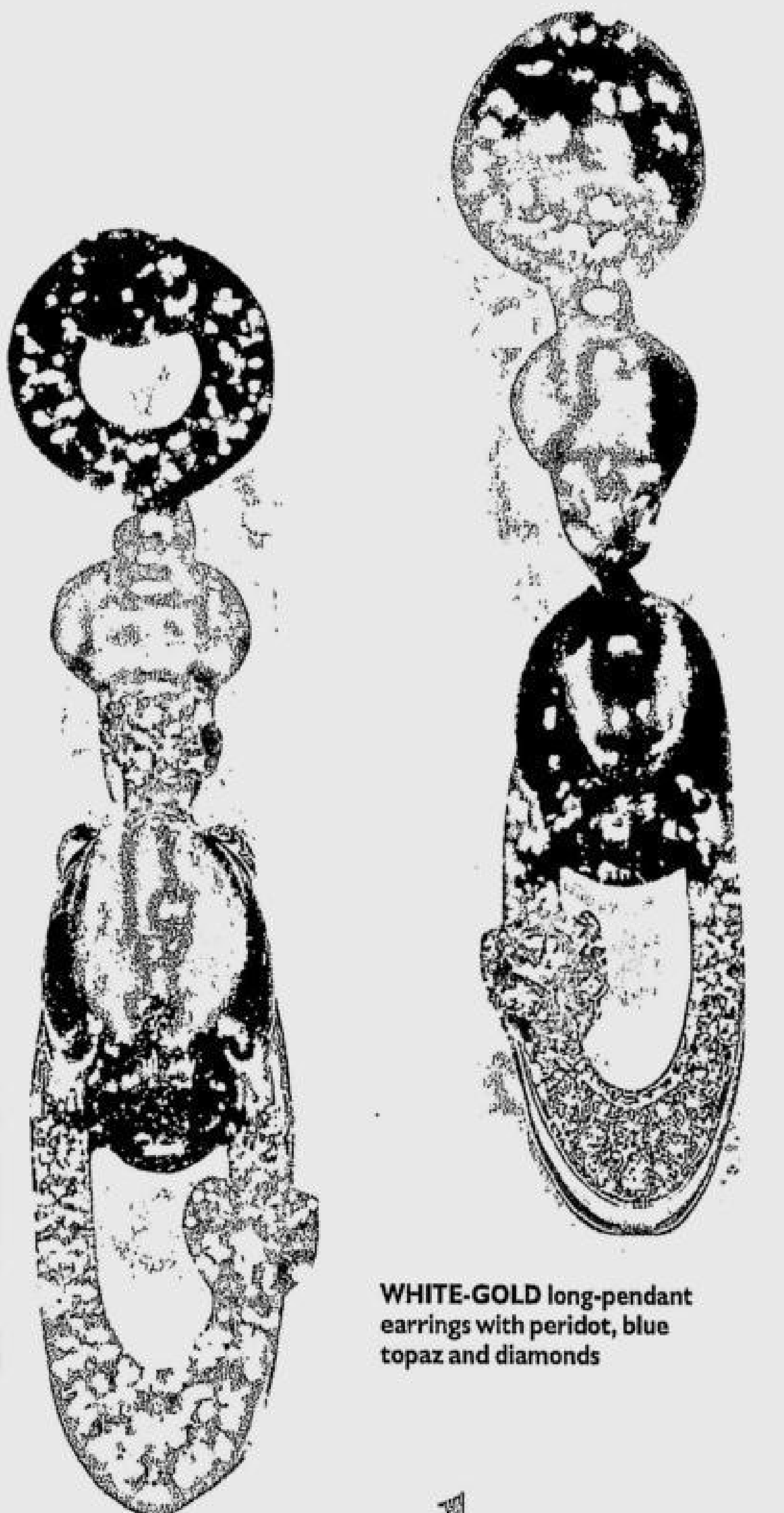
YELLOW-GOLD double-pendant necklace with amethyst, rubellite and diamonds

YELLOW-GOLD bib necklace with sapphires, emeralds and diamonds

YELLOW-GOLD necklace with peridot, orange enamel and diamonds



YELLOW-GOLD necklace with pink tourmaline, aqua enamel and pavé diamonds pendant



WHITE-GOLD long-pendant earrings with peridot, blue topaz and diamonds

Roman grandeur

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came popular in the 1970s.

Roman architecture is a strong influence in the Bulgari design. Elisia's rounded motif is said to mimic the Circus Maximus racetrack by the Palatino in Rome. This pattern has been revisited several times in the past, according to Katigbak, but the current collection is distinctly modern as the pieces assume a sleeker form.

"Bulgari was known for bold and chunkier pieces," Katigbak noted as he showed images from a Bulgari coffee-table book, with Hollywood icons wearing some heart-stopping jewelry sets. "But we've become modern. Some of these you can wear every day," he added, noting a necklace with an enameled pendant set with a semiprecious stone.

The contemporary look is also meant at attracting a younger clientele, said Jessica Yenko, Bulgari's marketing supervisor. "We're getting buyers in their 20s, and they pay for the purchase themselves."

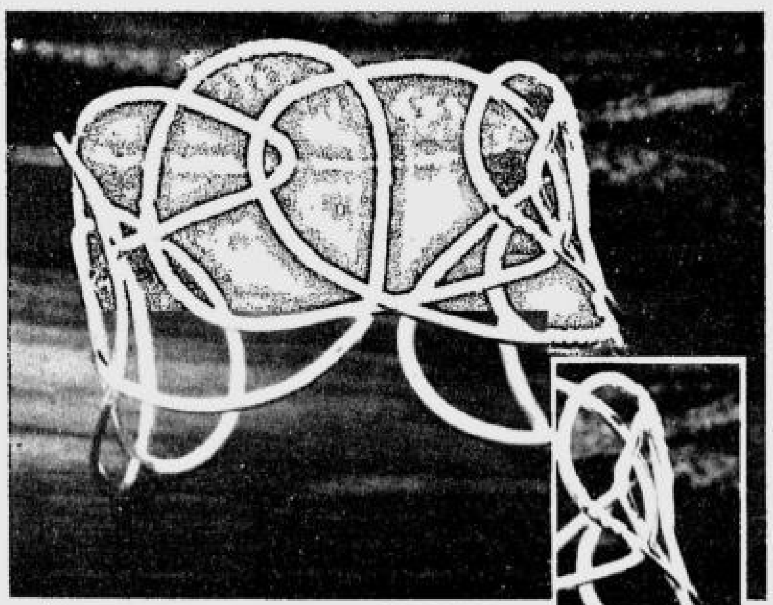
Some of Elisia's quirkier pieces include a pair of earrings with mismatched stones: a blue sapphire on one, and a pink sapphire on the other.

The collection is available both in 18k yellow gold and white gold. The pieces are set with white diamonds, combined with multicolored precious and semiprecious stones like sapphires, emeralds, amethyst, topaz, onyx, citrine, calcite, peridot.

"This isn't a new thing that we're adapting," Katigbak said. "Bulgari has been using semiprecious stones for a long time."

For the Philippine market, 22 designs will be available from the collection, with prices ranging from P300,000 to P4 million.

Children's dreams inspire new jewelry collection



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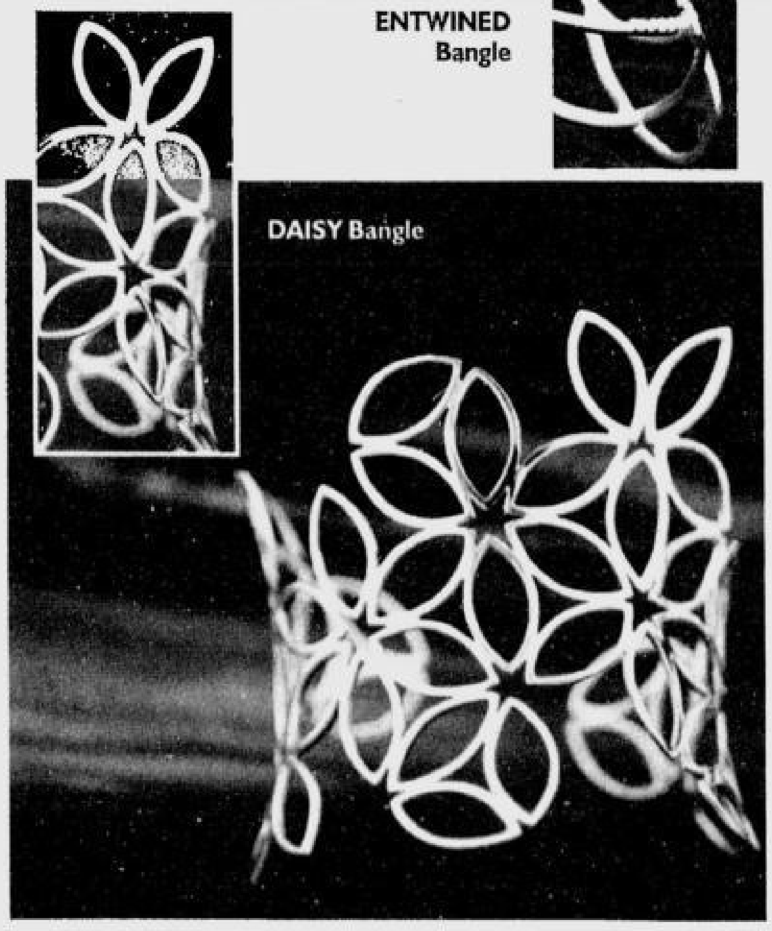


DAISY Bangle

JEWELRY ARTIST KRISTINE DEE OPENS today her latest exhibit, "Emotions," at E Gallery in Serendra, Fort Bonifacio Global City.

The show, which ends Nov. 26, is for the benefit of the children of Bantay Bata 163.

It will feature jewelry pieces inspired by drawings done by children in Bantay Bata's Children's Village in Bulacan.

The children were rescued from abusive homes and provided shelter by ABS-CBN Foundation Inc.

Dee said she was inspired by the "hope in the Bantay Bata children's eyes" when she asked them to draw their dreams. She said she was particularly moved by the children's thoughts and innocence.

"[Many] of them drew houses. I guess they are all dreaming of happy homes," Dee said.

The designs constitute Dee's new "Dreams" collection. One of the pieces in the collection is the Cherry Mae bangle. The white-and-yellow gold piece has rectangular blocks resembling windows and doors.

Also featured in the exhibit are Dee's latest designs for her signature "Boxes," "Daisy," "Entwined" and "Knotted" series.

Dee has a Master's Degree in Industrial Design from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York, where she also studied jewelry-making.

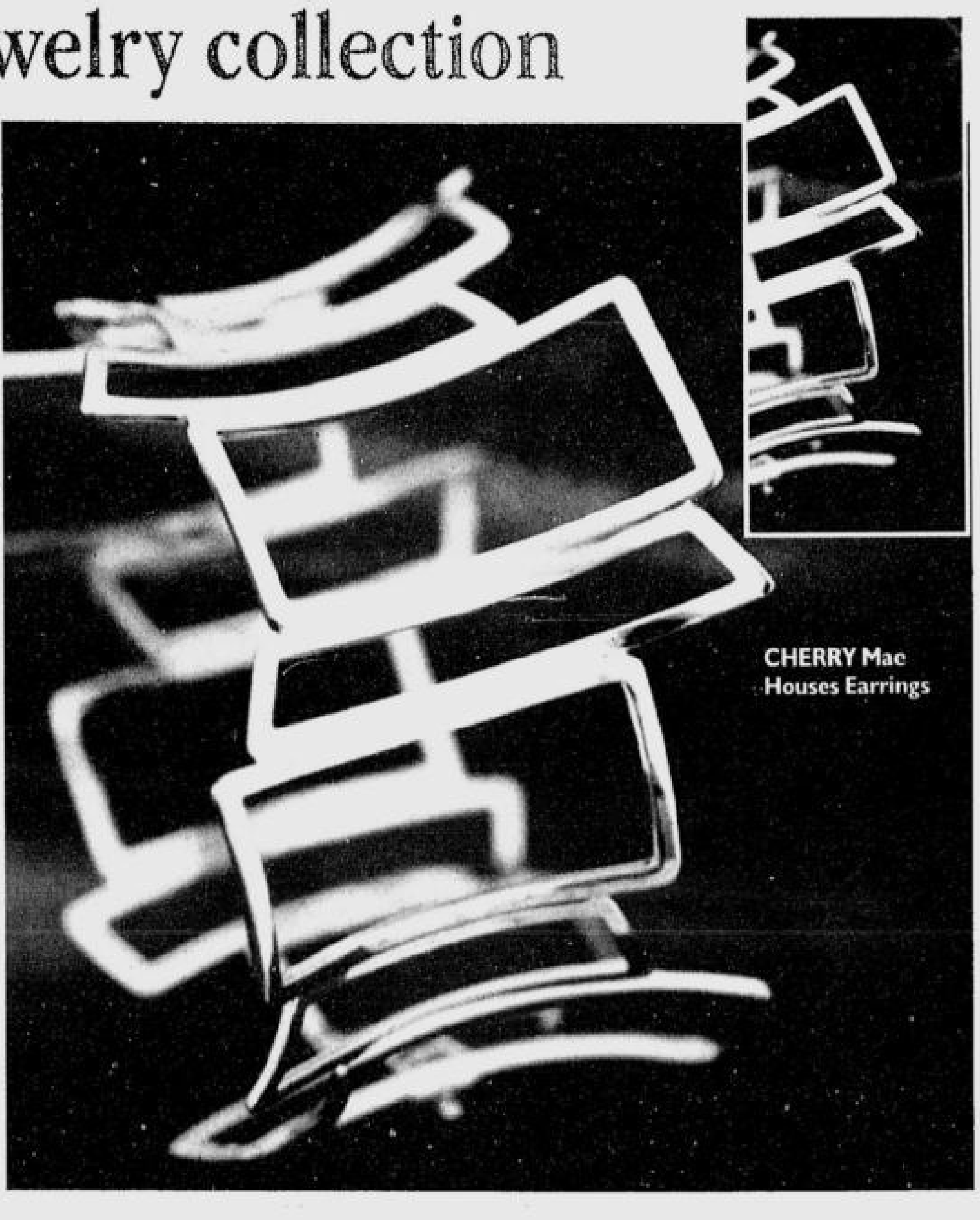
She had her first solo jewelry exhibit, "Metals in Motion," in 2003. It featured moveable gem stones like pearls and crystals set in silver and gold with functional geometric designs.

The artist said her jewelry combined industrial design and jewelry-making principles.

"I pay special attention to the function, form, aesthetics and production details of every piece I design... I also put great importance to proportion, clever connections, tension and movement."

Dee's handmade jewelry pieces are made of white, yellow and rose gold (0917-8808787, 0922-8511352, 0922-8511354).

KRISTINE Dee in her studio making each piece by hand



CHERRY Mae Houses Earrings

Stylishly versatile

BASIC dress in jewel color

MEG USHERS IN THE HOLIDAY season with a collection of stylishly versatile pieces to suit a chic woman's wardrobe. Staying true to the brand's sophisticated take on Orient-influenced designs, Meg modernizes basic pieces and introduces a well-imagined assortment of jackets, blazers, skirts and dresses.

Basic pieces that include cotton short-sleeve button-down shirts are updated with a vibrant palette of color and quirky prints. Smart casual tops, on the other hand, are fabricated in high gloss satin and finished with feminine details such as playful bows, puffed sleeves and sashes.

Conservative skirts are played up with whimsical patterns such as butterfly prints, florals and, for the more corporate kind, narrow pinstripes. Silhouettes are also on-trend. Pencil skirts and A-lines dominate the collection while fabrics are kept very practical with wools and cottons.

Jackets also get a delightful twist. Cut short on the sleeves and detailed by romantic trims, rich brown and teal velvet zip-up jackets make for a smart yet chic layer. Moreover, basic pinstriped blazers get an Asian-inspired makeover with loose sleeves reminiscent of the Japanese kimono.

Finally, Meg introduces a varied range of smock dresses. These chic dresses are fabricated in pique and linen-mixed cotton and dipped in whites, neutrals, pastels and jewel tones.

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VELVET jacket with romantic twists make for luxe layering.

BEAUTIFUL smock dress

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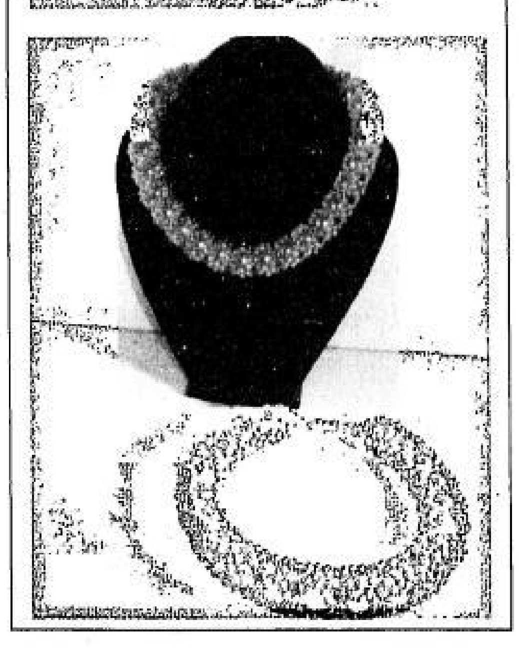
PORTIA ELEENE LEUTERIO presents what she calls her Fancy-fun Collection of bead jewelry at the Urban Bazaar today from 12 noon to 9 p.m. and on Nov. 17 and 18, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. at the Rockwell Tent.

Gift certificates for her beading and packaging classes at the House of Endearments are available for giving this Christmas.

On Dec. 1 and 2, Portia will be at Rockwell's Archaeology area to tickle your imagination with her creative holiday gift-packaging. She will be joined by some of her students.

On Dec. 8 and 9, she will feature some of her beading modules together with a few of her students' creative beadwork as a preview of her forthcoming workshops.



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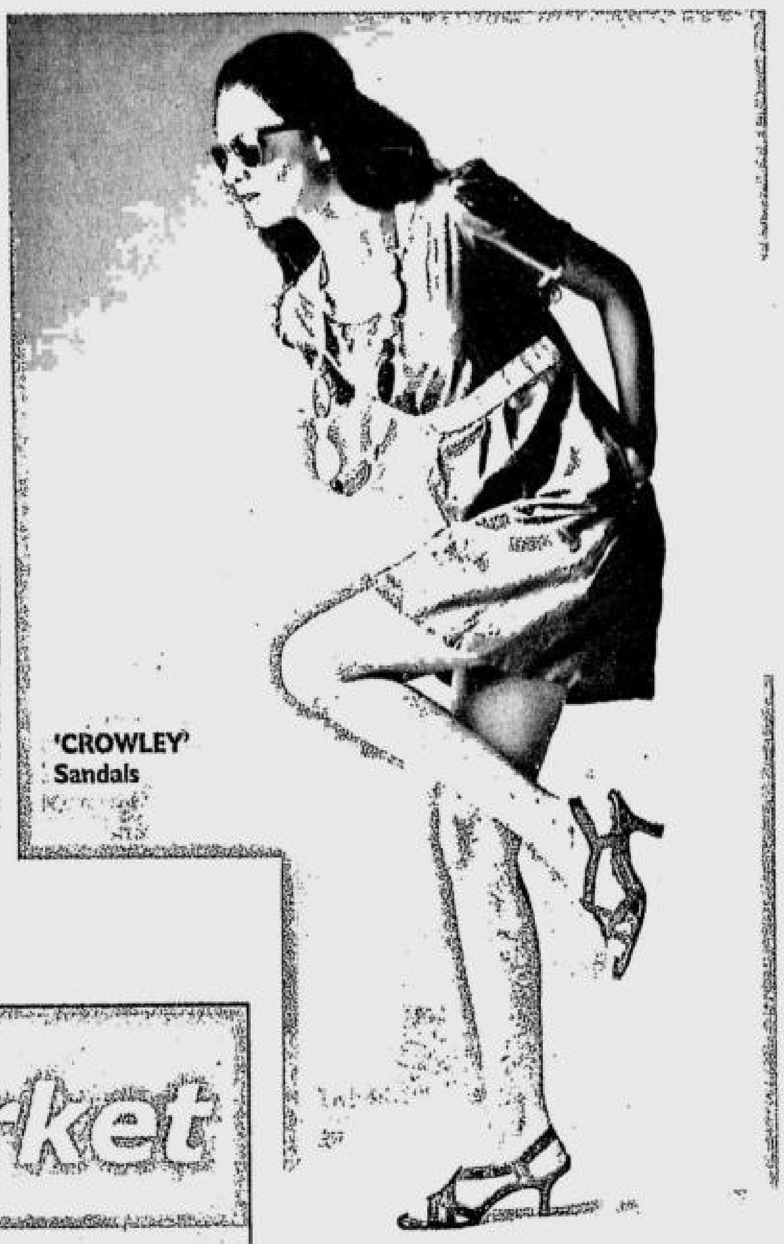

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For those days when you just have to get your way, there's nothing like putting on a pair of classic, stacked-heel pumps: Felicia's sleek seam details and pointed toe undeniably means business.

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PURPLE iridescent dress with puffed sleeves and black band hem

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BLUE halter top with black stones and black pants

PEWTER sleeveless bareback top with ruched neckline worn with black pants

Sparkling finds

AT SM, FOUR dominant fashion trends add sparkle and elegance to holiday dressing.

The Little Black Dress' latest incarnation is either subtle and sophisticated with touches of lace and beadwork, or fab with bejeweled collars.

Merry Metallics have that unmistakable shine in gold, silver, pewter, and bronze tops and dresses.

If you prefer to wear more color this Christmas, these also come in iridescent fabrics in red, purple, lime and green.

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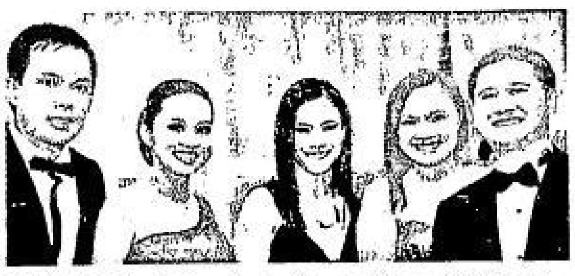
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One great ball that really got the ball rolling

WENDY Puyat Hotung and Jessica Puyat

EDIE Mackenzie with close pals Lina Mohindar and husband Dr. Boya Mohindar, who both jetted from Hong Kong for the affair, Evelyn Forbes and Arnold Mackenzie

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache

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NEXT TO THE NEW YEAR'S BASH, the grandest ball of the year as far as I'm concerned is the Philippine Tatler Ball, dahlings.

Over 560 members of Cosmo Manille's *alta sociedad* joined the country's premier lifestyle publication as it celebrated another year of elegant yet relentless coverage of our nation's elite.

The creative genius of Rustan's Commercial Corp.'s **Nene Vargas Tantoco** and her team matched with that of popular florist **Robert Blancaflor** to transform the mezzanine lobby, foyer and Rizal Ballroom of the Makati Shangri-La into an absolutely chi-chi garden.

As one walked into the ballroom, which was draped in champagne organza, 18 chandeliers suspended from various points of the ceiling immediately set the tone for an extraordinary evening.

Aprés the elbow-to-elbow cocktails in the mezzanine lobby, where women in fabulous gowns and jewelry congregated, we moved to the ballroom where the invitees feasted on the gourmet menu prepared by Makati Shangri-La's talented chefs.

In her speech, brilliant Tatler managing director **Irene Martel Francisco** expressed her thanks to the magazine's partners for making the dream evening a reality.

These were Nokia, represented by **William Hamilton Whyte**; HSBC, led by **Mark Watkinson**; Mercedes-Benz and its president, **Felix Ang**; and Landco as represented by **Alby Xerez Burgos**.

Francisco didn't forget to thank **Emerson Yao** of Lucerne and Makati Shangri-La's hotshot GM **Greg Dogan**, and the hotel's hottest asset, *natch*, **Joy Wassmer**.

Charity ball

As many people know by now, the hallmark of the Philippine Tatler has been to use its resources to touch lives and make a tangible difference whenever possible. It has become a tradition for the mag to select a beneficiary that will receive funds raised during the annual ball.

This year's beneficiary is Gawad Kalinga, and the goal of the ball was to raise enough funds to help it build a village of at least 30 houses at P75,000 per unit. Starting off the fundraising, Tatler donated money enough to build 10 homes.

An auction was held courtesy of Lucerne and hosted by **Johnny Litton** and **Tessa Prieto-Valdes**.

The first lot featured a limited-edition Vertu phone, which was won by young businessman and art connoisseur **Patrick Reyno**.

Next was an IWC watch with the map of the Philippines engraved on its backside. People eagerly bidded for this item which was eventually won by real estate taipan **Andrew Tan**.

The auction exceeded everyone's expectations as it was able to raise P3,002,500 that night. That means 40 homes can be built at the GK Friends of the Philippine Tatler Village in Bagong Silang, Caloocan City. Yes, *palanggas*, this is definitely a ball that gives back!

Powerful performance

Fabulous divas **Bituin Escalante**, **May Bayot** and **Isay Alvarez** sang excerpts from the "Dreamgirls," sending the ultra-chic crowd on their feet to give the fantastic singers a five-minute standing ovation for their powerhouse performance.

The most anticipated part of the evening was the annual Tatler awards to top achievers. Hosting this portion was **Anton San Diego**, super-dedicated editor in chief, and his best friend, stunning **Pops Fernandez**.

Francisco and well-respected and dashing Edipresse Asia CEO **Barrie Goodridge** handed out the crystal plaques to the awardees.

The Pinnacle Award, a lifetime achievement award, went to **Jose Concepcion Jr.**, who received an elegant Bulgari Solotempo watch.

The Most Eminent Couple Award went to our very own *palanggas* **Alex Prieto** and **Marixi Rufino Prieto**. They got a beautiful sofa from Furnitalia and round-trip business-class tickets to Hong Kong on Cathay Pacific.

The Most Charitable Force Award was given to Gawad Kalinga's **Tony Meloto**, who received a Nokia E51 phone.

The Most Distinguished Lady Award was given to *la simpatico* and mega civic leader **Vicky Garchitorena**, who received a pearl bracelet from Hoseki and a St. John suit.

Other awards

The Most Creative Force Award was given to architect **Ramon Antonio**, who received a Hugo Boss suit and a weekend for eight people at Punta Fuego with transportation provided by Mercedes-Benz. Accommodations and food were courtesy of Landco.

The Bon Vivant Award went to **Maurice Arcache**, (as in, *moi*), and let me tell you, this really caught me totally by surprised.

I jumped on stage, had no speech prepared and blasted out on the microphone. Some of what I said were unprintable, except the part where I thanked my pals, Irene and Anton, who had lied by assuring me that there would be no Bon Vivant Award this year.

I also thanked my father, who had constantly nagged my mother for allegedly spoiling me rotten, and my dear mother who never listened to him and continued to spoil me up to her last days on earth.

Moi received a fantastic Philip Stein watch and a case of Veuve Clicquot champagne.

Next was the Most Stylish Lady Award which went to classy **Celine Lopez**, who received a Louie Vuitton bag and a weekend at the new chi-chi spa of Edsa Shangri-La.

The last award of the evening was the Most Promising Lady Award, which went to the youngest recipient, the stunningly gorgeous **Georgina Wilson**, who received a Tod's leather bag and a stylish Nokia 6500 phone.

Après the awards segment, it was time to rock and roll, and the elite invitees did just that to the popular tunes of the Spirit of '67. They rocked the floor till past 2:30 a.m., when the band gave up and the guests had passed out due to exhaustion.

Yes, *palanggas*, it was truly an elegant evening of fun and caring from the exclusive set that had accomplished much in return.

EDOUARD Garcia with Vicky and Gov. Joe Zubiri

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Fabulous fit

ALL OVER THE WORLD, WOMEN'S search for that elusive perfect bra continues—one that offers a fabulous fit, extreme comfort, and a smooth look that cuts a fine silhouette and completely evens out every area. A bra that doesn't press into the skin to reveal unsightly bulges, and mind you, even slim women can fall victims to this fashion faux pas!

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Distributed by Rustan Marketing Corporation, Maidenform's Smooth Bra is available at all leading department stores nationwide.

C-WOMEN spaghetti-strap cocktail dress

Holiday luxe

C-WOMEN belted puff-sleeve dress

CINDERELLA HAS prepared gorgeous, glitzy and glamorous looks for the season that can go from day to night, be it for men or women.

Find the perfect dress paired with jewel-encrusted stilettos, or that detailed suit with matching tie for those endless holiday affairs. Also check out the season's accessories from women's patent bags, round-toe pumps, and long-layered chain necklaces to men's wallets, neckties, watches, and cuff links.

Women will love Cinderella's dresses, from casual and cocktail ensembles to elegant evening wear. Enjoy jeweled tops and silver gray dresses put together with the perfect clutch bag, plus casual knit dresses with electric pleat details. Warm them up with cardigans that are perfect for those chilly days and nights, easily layered with your fave tee, dark blue skinny denims and round-toe flats.

Lastly, have a ball with a wide range of long gowns—from ruby reds, midnight blue, chartreuse, and burnt orange to pale blush, shimmery silver, traditional white and classic black.

The men's collection has long-sleeved polo tops to preppy polo shirts, plus carefully constructed pieces such as coats, dress pants and tops. Think dramatic stripes, silk neckties and high-quality cotton dress shirts that can be used both in the office and for nightly socials.

Cinderella is located in Glorietta 3, SM Mega Mall, Alabang Town Center, SM North Edsa, Robinson's Ermita Midtown, Ayala Trinoma, SM Mall of Asia, Festival Mall, SM Southmall, Viramall, Sta. Lucia, SM Fairview, SM Manila, SM San Lazaro, SM Lipa, and SM Clark.

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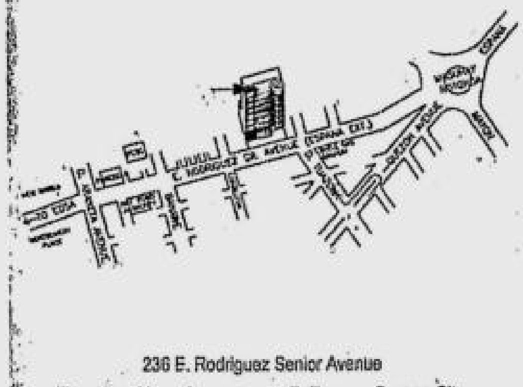

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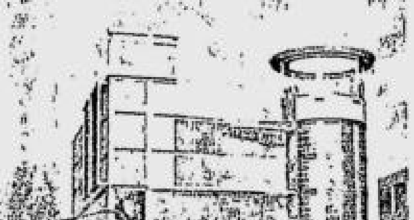

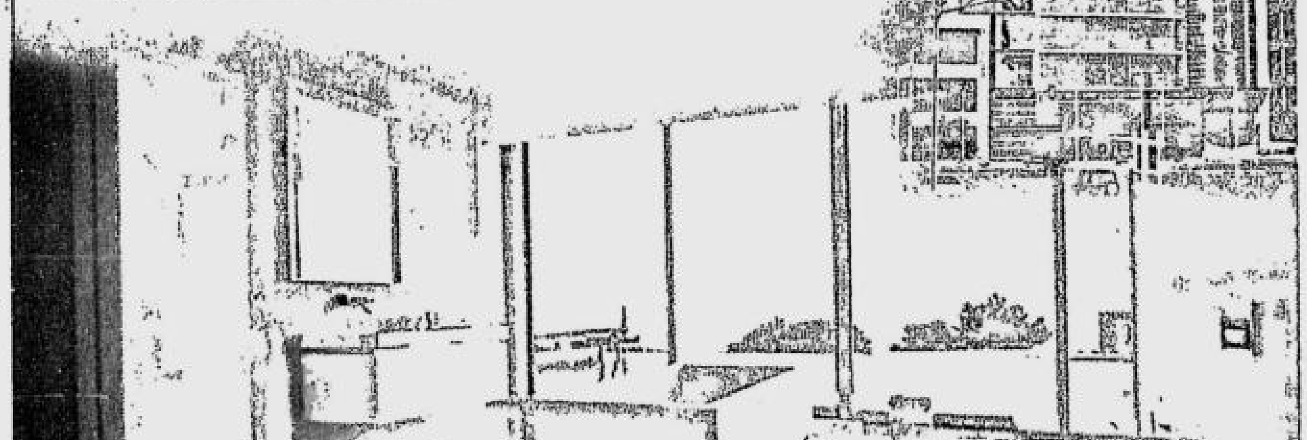

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Lavish Lacroix turns fashion curator

PARIS—CHRISTIAN LACROIX, arguably the most extravagant couturier in Paris, never intended to be a fashion designer. His dream was to be a museum curator, a wish that finally came true via a breathtaking walk through two centuries of fashion.

For the past couple of years, Lacroix, 56, spent most of his Friday mornings picking through 80,000 items of clothing old and new stocked at France's Decorative Arts Museum next door to the Louvre.

To mark the 20th anniversary of his own couture house this year, the museum had offered a show of his own fanciful lavish designs. But Lacroix declined.

"A self-promoting retrospective would have been a bit vulgar," he told AFP.

"I wanted to show that my work is based on the wealth of museums such as this one."

Obsessed with costume since the age of six, and a dedicated history art student who nonetheless failed France's tough museum curator exams, Lacroix narrowed down his choice of clothes to 1,400 then 500 "of the most inspiring items recounting the history of fashion".

At the show, titled "Christian Lacroix, Histoires de Mode" (Fashion Stories) and running until April 20 next year, a final 400 dresses, capes, coats and hats dating back to the 18th century are displayed in counterpoint to 90 emblematic designs from Lacroix's own twice-yearly haute couture shows.

Iconic stripes

Alongside his iconic stripes from 1987 hang striped bustles and crinolines from the 1860s, while a black-and-white spotted 2001 number worn with a red crocodile-skin jacket stands by a red-spotted Schiaparelli evening coat from 1939 and a 1940 Lanvin gown in black and white spots.

There are groups of dresses in spots, stripes, checks, lames, flowery patterns, netting or patchwork. Gathered together by color, fabric, style or inspiration, the exhibition highlights how fashion constantly reinvents itself, said co-curator Olivier Saillard.

"Christian Lacroix is someone whose work is inspired by history and shows fashions coming around over and over again," said Saillard.

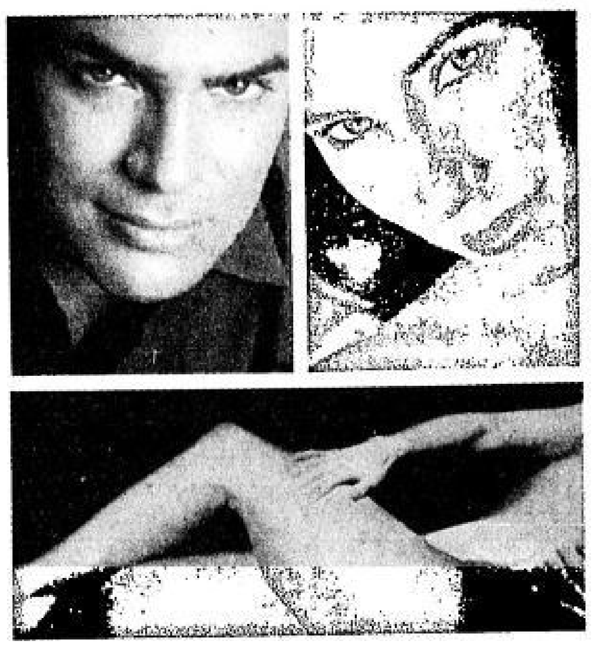
Dramatic designs

Celebrated for his exuberant swathes of lace and embroidery, and patchworks of fabrics in vibrant colors, Lacroix hit the catwalks 20 years ago with dramatic designs inspired by the costumes of his native Arles in the south of France, and the Camargue, with its gypsies and bullfighters.

But while his roots remain an inspiration, he is known more than any other of the great French couturiers for harking back to the history of costume in his stunning fashion collections.

Along with dresses from the 18th and 19th centuries, the show features Lacroix contemporaries such as Yohji Yamamoto, Comme des Garcons or Yves Saint Laurent, alongside postwar classics from Christian Dior or Pierre Cardin as well as creations by early couture czars Worth, Poiret and Jeanne Lanvin.

"There are not only the big names but also anonymously-made clothing," Lacroix said. "The show is a hymn to Parisian couture." *AFP*



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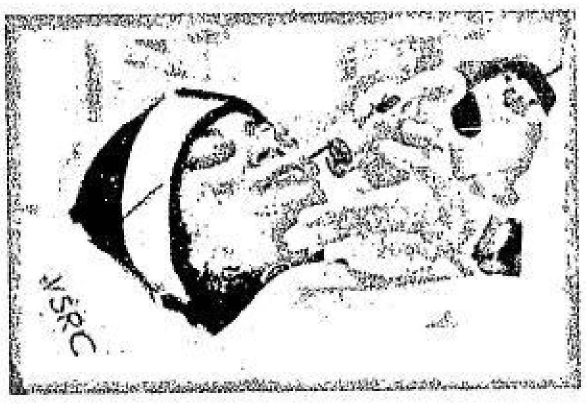

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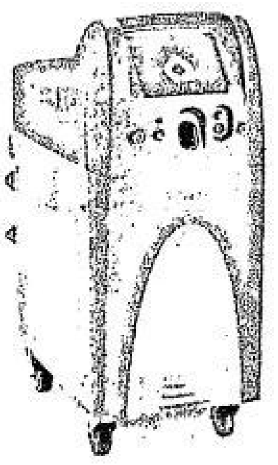

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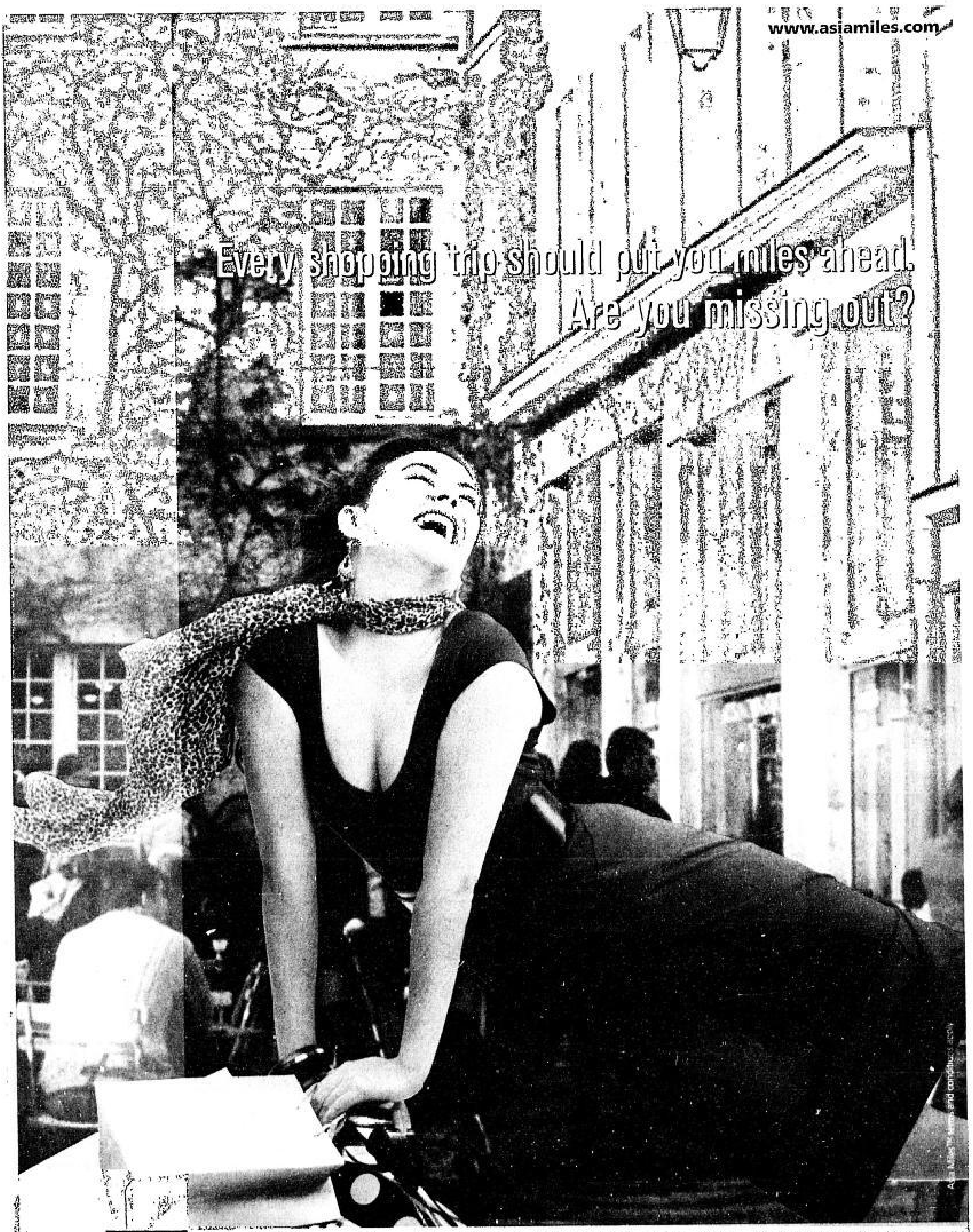
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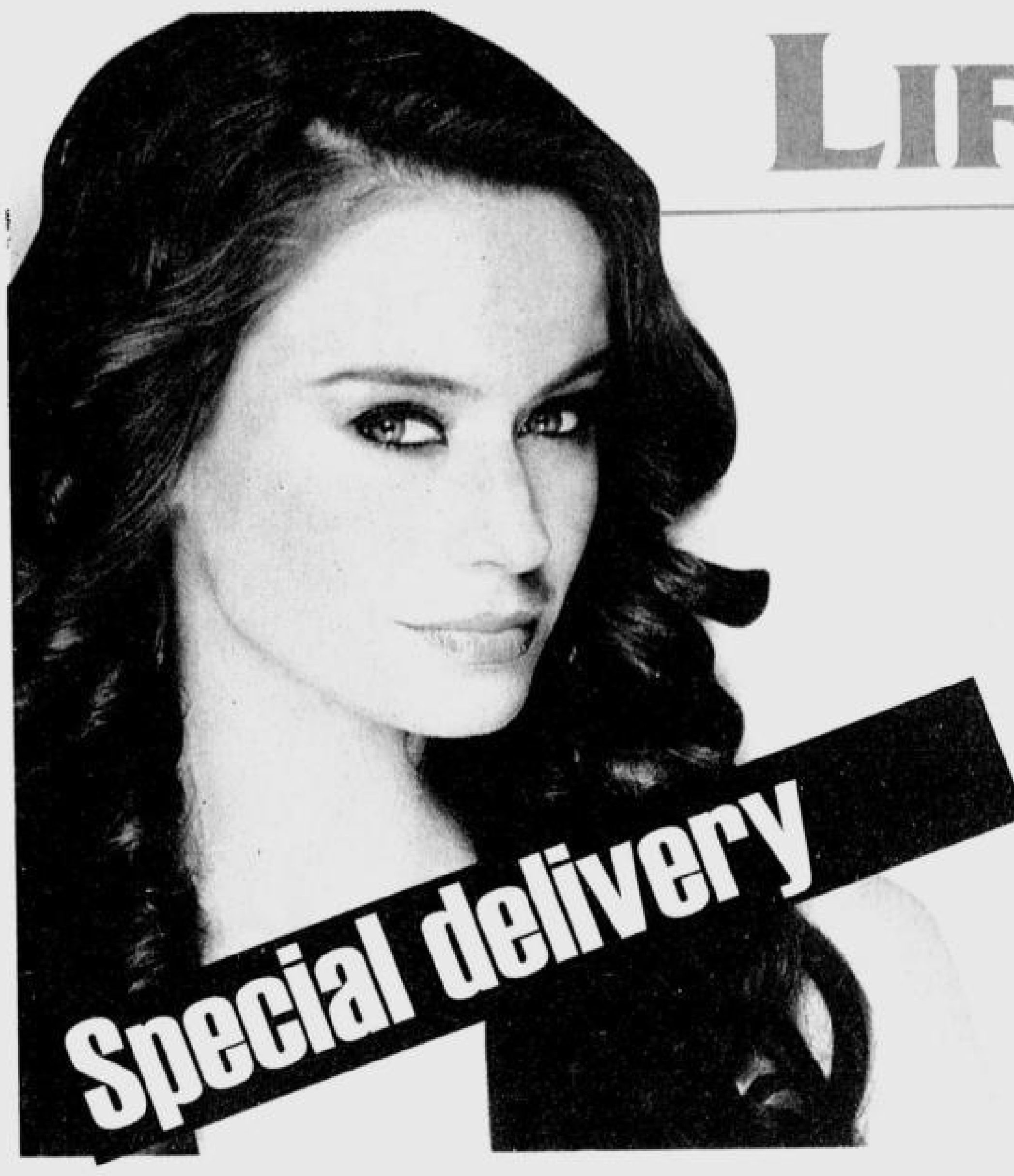

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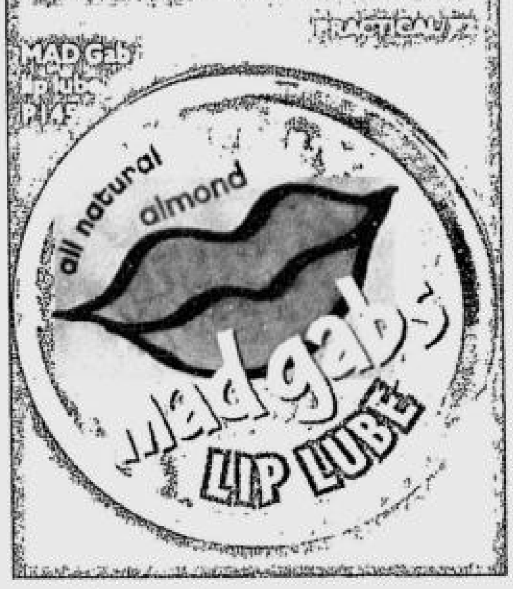

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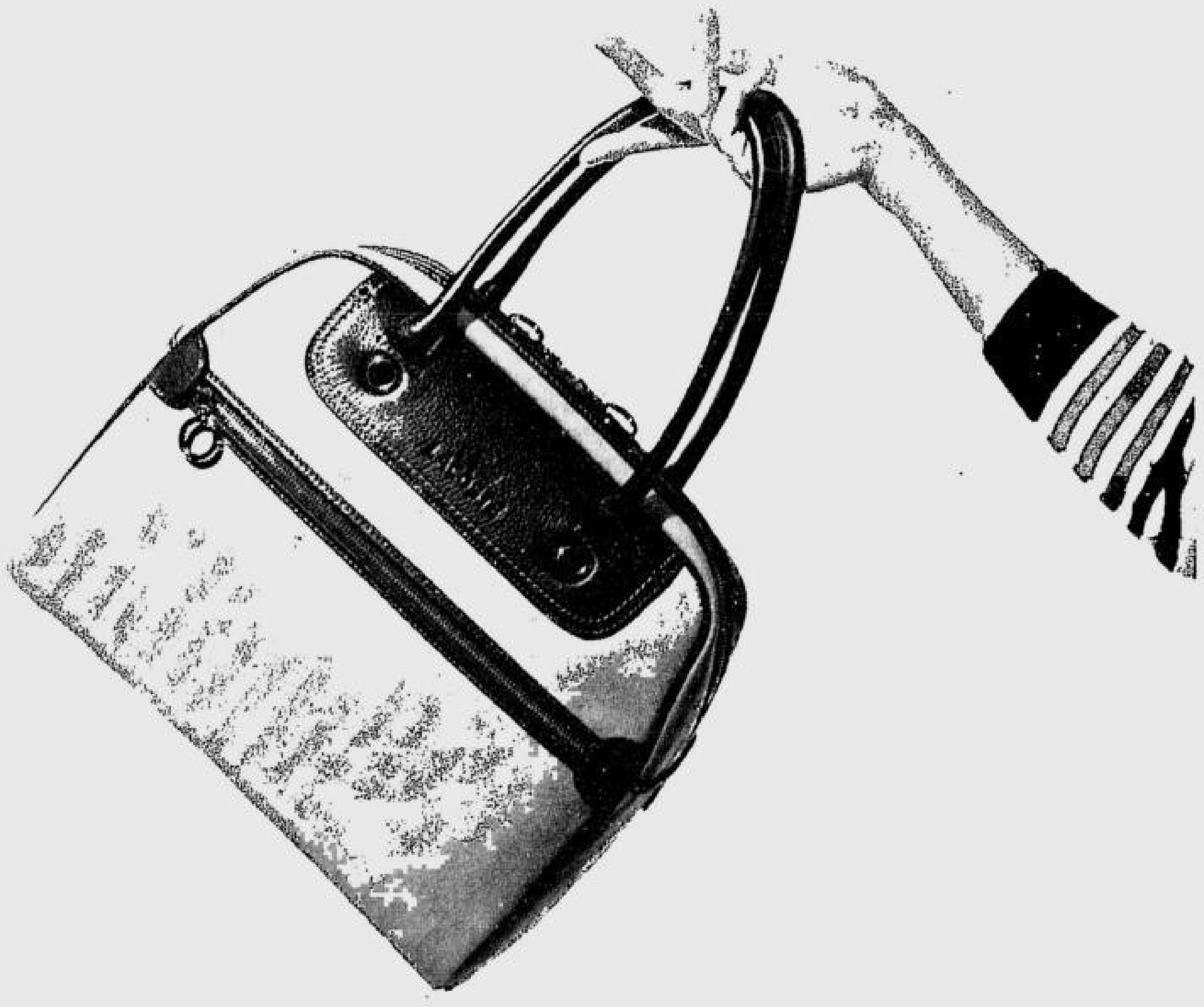

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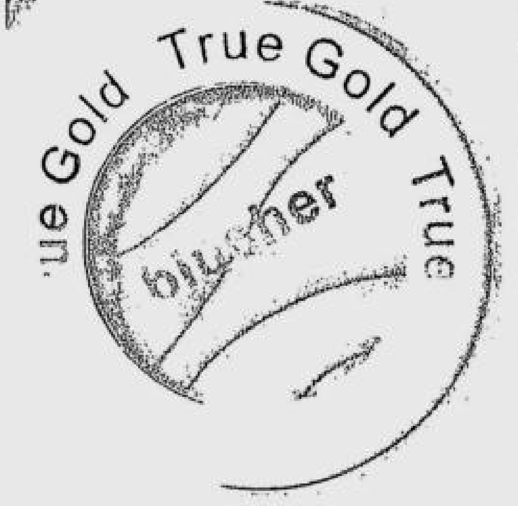
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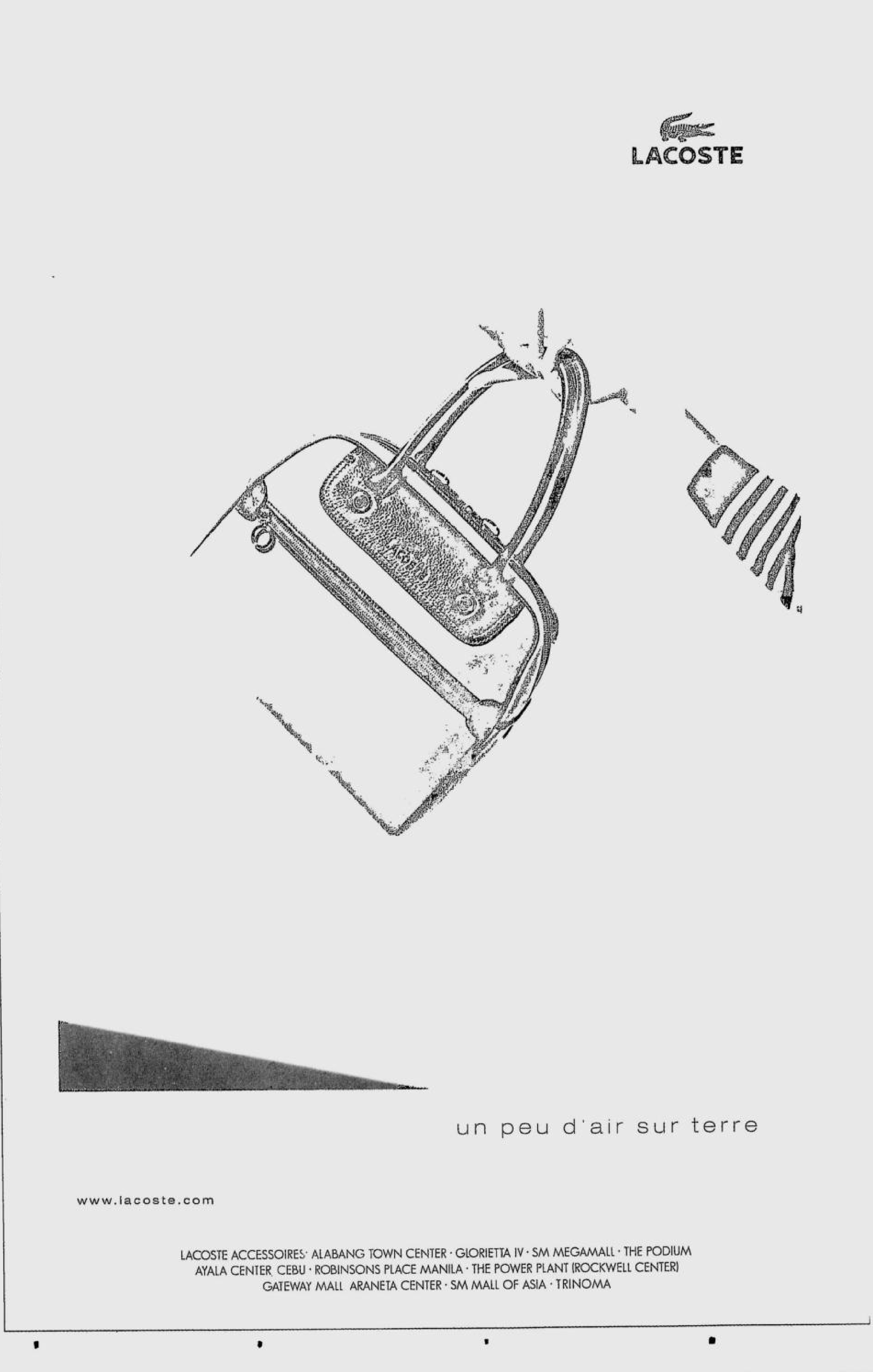
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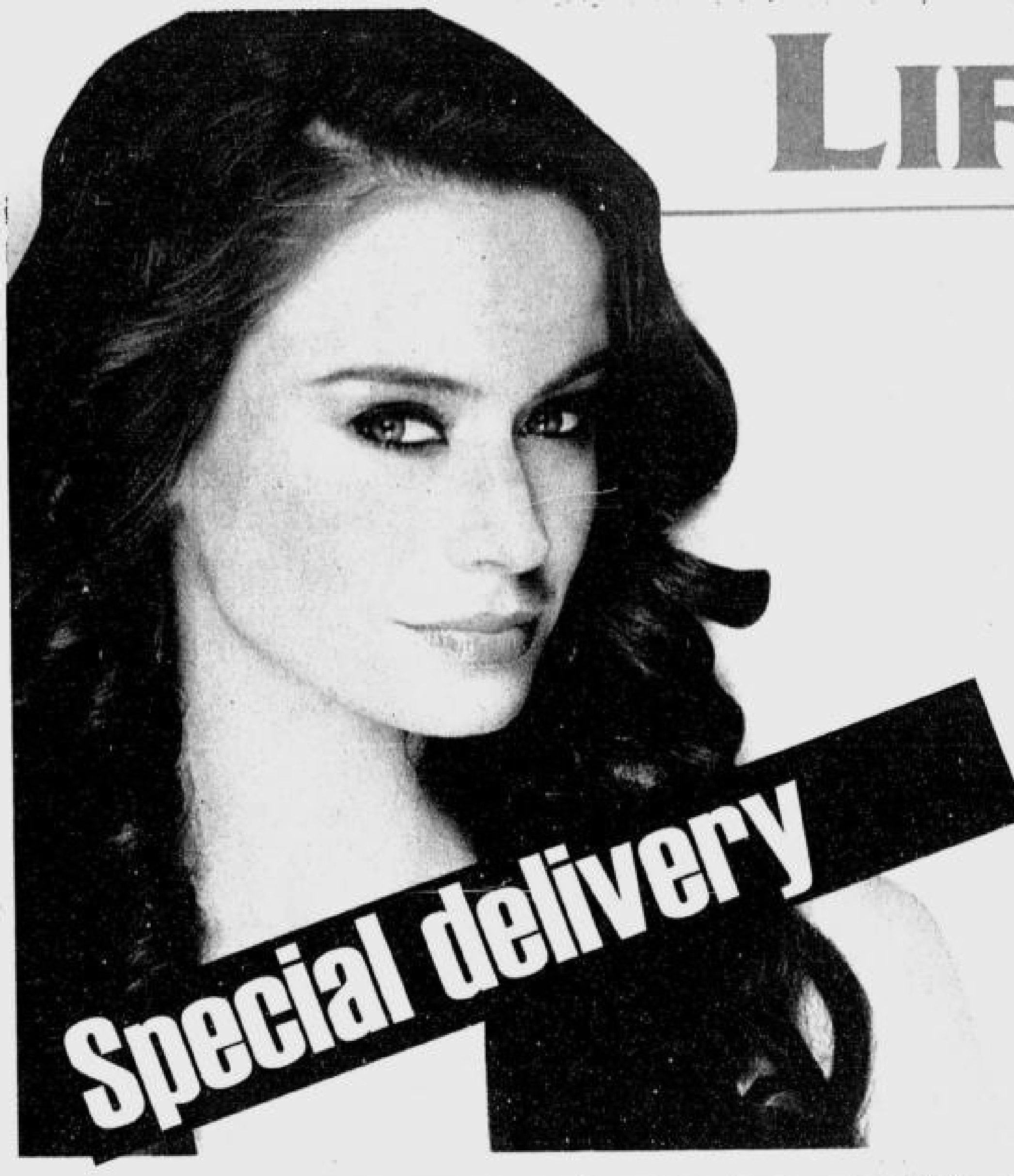

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I've tried to get organized about everything, including the budget. And I've realized that if I prepared in advance and put a lot of thought on the gifts I'd give, it would save me a lot of cash.

I did my rounds first so that I could be aware of what stores had to offer. My first stop was at Essenses Rus-

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Products on top of Christmas wish list

MAKEOVER 911
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HAVE YOU STARTED YOUR Christmas shopping? Here's a product list to help you in your gift-shopping. I based my list on the number of inquiries I got over the last few months.

For the woman who can never be white enough, you may want to check my list, which is topped of course by Glutathione aka whitening pills. This master antioxidant is present in every cell of our body and its critical depletion would literally lead us to the grave.

Since it was discovered that glutathione's main side effect when taken internally in large doses is blocking skin pigment from reaching the surface, causing the skin to lighten noticeably, its sales have soared in Asia.

The fact that it is actually good for us is the only excuse we need to justify: We buy it for health reasons, not for vanity.

But the problem is that the adequate dosage to make one whiter would cost between P2,500-P6,000. That would cover 30-60 tablets which are taken once or twice daily.

There are two new brands in the market I have road-tested on very willing subjects; they have the right doses per capsule—of Glutathione at 500 mg, Vitamin C at 100 mg, and Alpha Lipoic Acid (ALA) at 50 mg—to make a noticeable dent for whiter skin after two months of use.

The two are Godiva's Glowthione, which is available at any Godiva skin station, and Snow Caps, at Watson's. At P1,500 a box or bottle, they are also the most reasonably priced among those I've tried.

The two brands may be the perfect gift for the woman who wants her skin to be whiter but is horrified of needles via intravenous liquid Glutathione.

ALA and Vitamin C help raise Glutathione levels in our body. Their presence enhances our immune system aside, of course, from speeding up the whitening process.

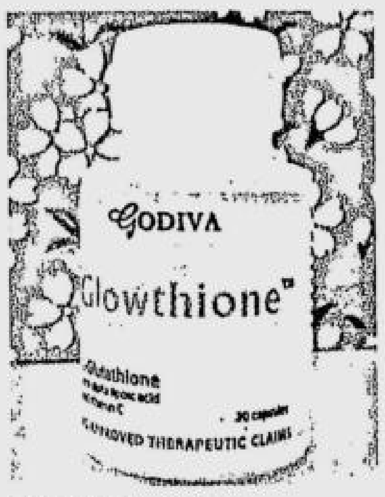
Scent-gifts

Also, you may consider fragrances that can be worn all year round as gifts.

Signature scents must be something one loves so much that one does not mind wearing them all year round. They must smell clean to make the humid summer refreshing, but sexy enough to make heads turn during the holidays.

My top picks: Elizabeth Arden's Green Tea, L'Occitane's Amande Blossom Dew, Clean Classic and Marc Jacob's Daisy. For preteens and tweens, Lewis and Pearl Colognes are recommended. They are an understated version of mom and dad's fragrances.

KIEHL'S Peppermint liquid soap, Antiperspirant and Deo Cream, and Lavender Foaming Sea Salt with Aloe Vera



GODIVA Glowthione

My hands-down favorite is Happy, which does not smell like Clinique's Happy but is really pretty close to Prescriptives' Calyx.

Summer reminds me of the now phased-out Sunflower fragrance by Elizabeth Arden. Other great scents are Cool Water, Ralph Cool and other lemony aquatic unisex scents such as Tommy Hilfiger.

Fruity and citrus-like scents fit your budget and are readily available at grocery and drugstores. Mom and dad can use them during sports or weekends.

Kiehl's

The long wait is finally over! Kiehl's, the New York brand of bath and skincare products for men and women from 12-60, has just opened its first boutique in the country at the prestigious Greenbelt 5.

I saw men carrying around Kiehl's Lip Balm #1 to soothe chapped lips.

The brand's very no-nonsense plain packaging has made it on bathroom counters and showers of both sexes. Over the years it has proven that its products deliver results, hence its soaring sales figures.

Aside from the Lip Balm and Blue anti-acne line, I have found new favorites:

Eye Alert is an eye gel that belongs to the men's section, but I found it very effective for counteracting puffy eyes when it is applied day and night.

LEWIS and Pearl Colognes

The Antiperspirant and Deodorant cream (P850) is unscented and keeps underarms odorless and dry. I have discovered it works for sweaty palms as well.

When Rare Earth Facial Mask (P1,350) is left on the face for 20 minutes before one rinses off to apply makeup, it keeps the greasies away so you look matte even in photos. Left on overnight, it treats problem areas and prevents new zits from forming.

Peppermint Shower Liquid Body Cleanser (P900) soothes sore muscles and cools you off on a humid day.

Super Thick Volumizer (P1,200) is a big help to those with thin and flat hair.

Kiehl's products are not cheap but visiting the Manila store beats traveling abroad and spending a lot just to get hold of them.

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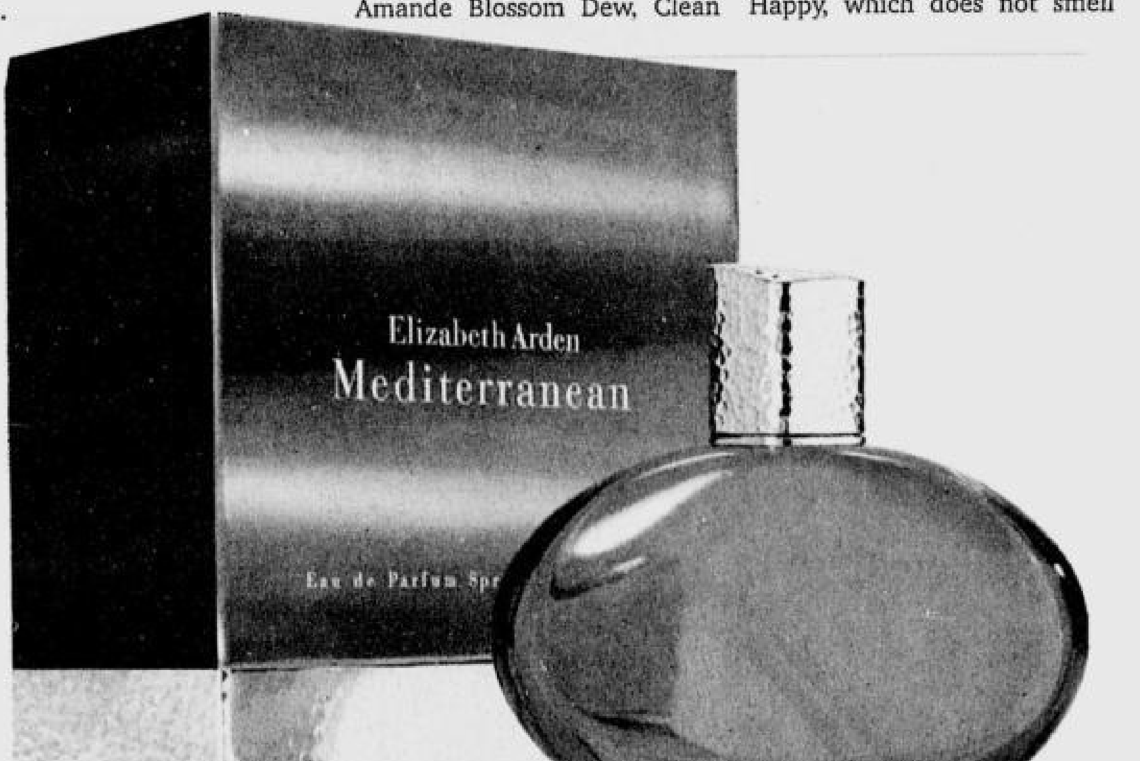

An alluring perfume

ELIZABETH ARDEN'S MEDITERRANEAN is a radiant, sensual, and captivating fragrance combining succulent fruits and wild flowers with the warmth of creamy woods to reflect the rich textures of a place steeped in beauty, character and sensuality.

Inspired by the joie de vivre of daily life in Capri and Sardinia, its scent captivates the senses with a blend of sweet Peach Nectar Sorbet, Sicilian Mandarin and Damask Plum complemented with effervescent notes of Wisteria, Star Magnolia and Madagascar Orchid, and the intriguing allure of Sandalwood, Blonde Woods, Fluid Skin Musk and Golden Amber. Mediterranean is a truly modern expression of sparkling radiance.

The fragrance is presented in a stunning oval-shaped cerulean blue weighted glass and a hammered sliver cap, an expression of elegant feminine beauty.

Exclusively distributed by Rustan Marketing Corp., Elizabeth Arden's Mediterranean is available in leading department stores at EDP 100ml (P3,950), EDP 50ml (P3,250), EDP 30ml (P2,550).

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Holiday Luxury Kit (P4,400)—Eye shadow in Espresso Matte, Mat Velvet + in Porcelain, Lipstick Palette in Fresh, Star Powder in Iridescent Beige, Glossy Full and Waterproof Eye Liner in Black perfect with makeup pouch.

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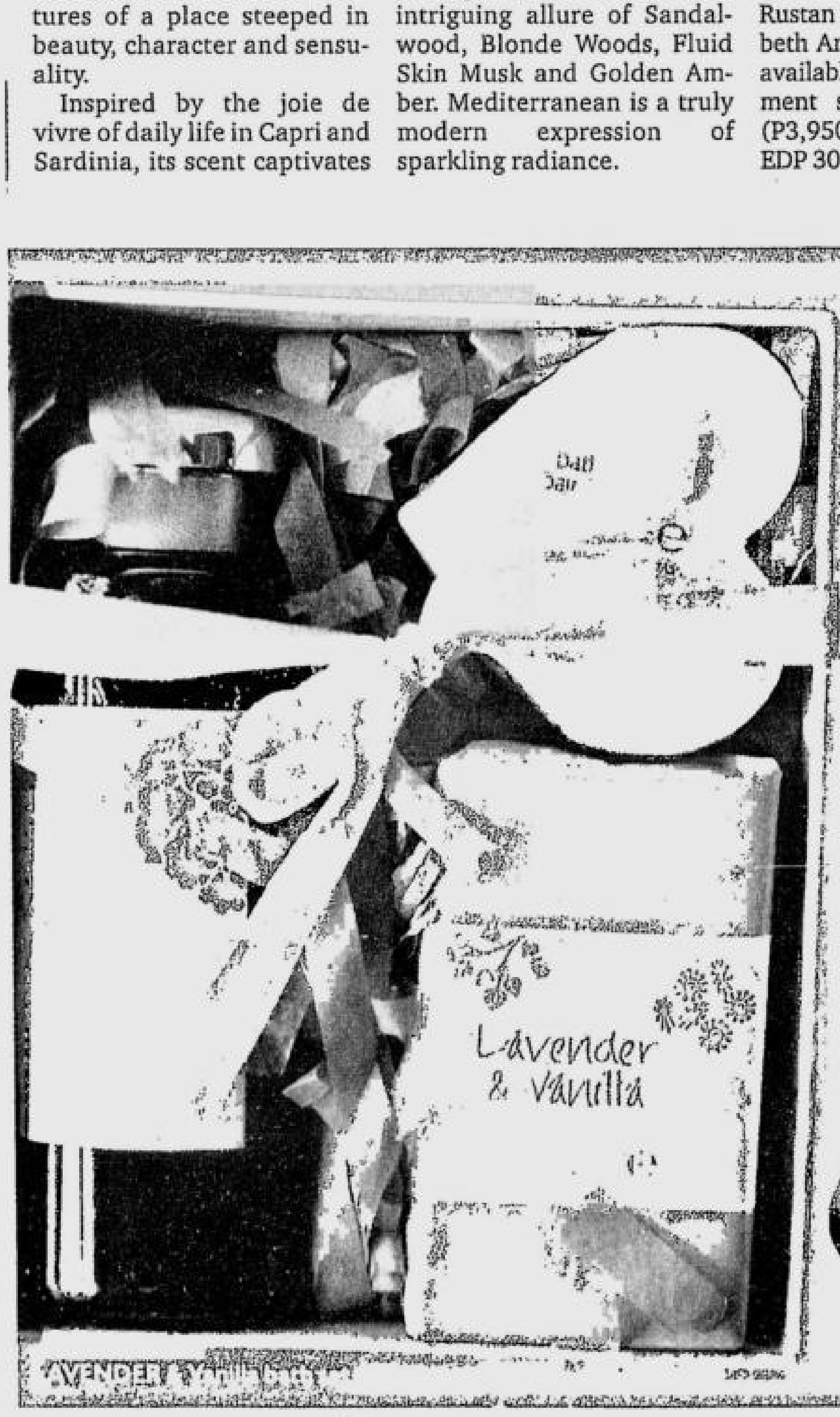

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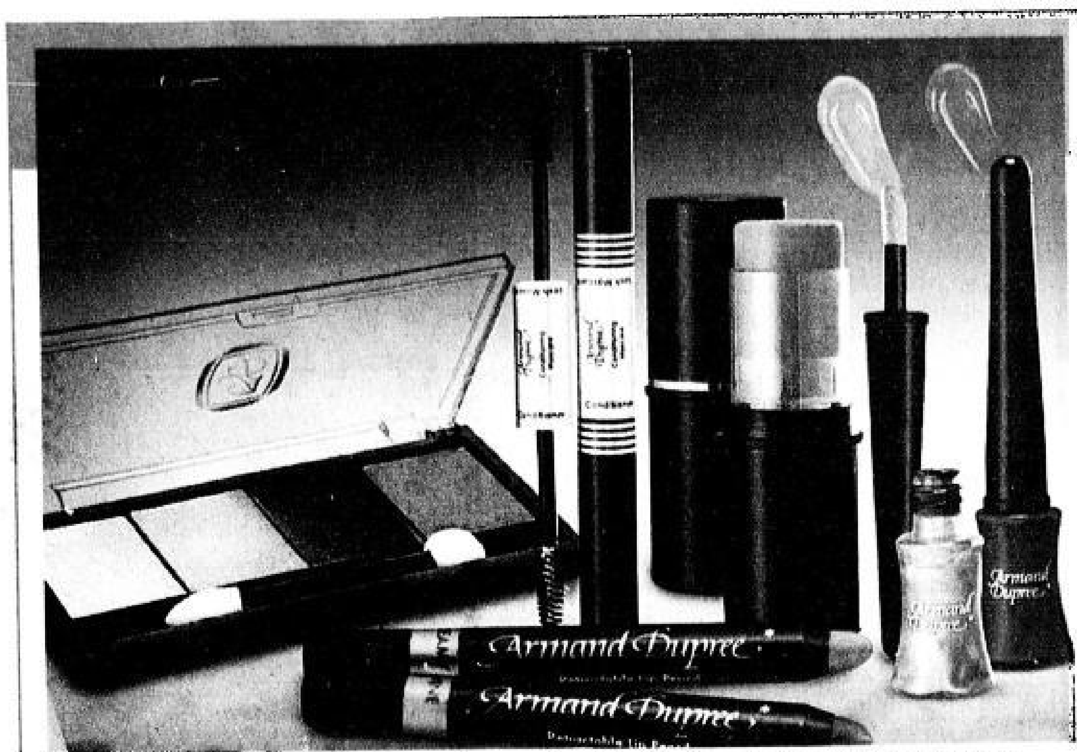

ARMAND Dupree Eau de Cologne and cosmetic collection from Fuller Life Direct Selling

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FOR THAT SPECIAL EVENT where you want to look your most glamorous, Fuller Life Direct Selling (formerly known as Sara Lee Direct Selling) has a whole complement of makeup and perfume for you.

Let your natural glow shine with daytime make-up of earthy lip glosses, eye shimmers and highlighters. The daytime set comes with an Eye Cream Pallette in Nougat featuring creamy eye shadows with a natural sheen, Lip Gloss in Delicious Kiss, and frosted Retractable Pencils that double into a lip liner or lipstick in Copper and Cascade.

For cocktails and soirees at night, look fab and sultry with Armand Dupree makeup set. This features Eye Cream Palette in Lilac Freeze, Mascara with Vitamin E, Blush Stick, liquid lip shine in Desire and Coffee, Wine and Dreamy shades of frosted lip crayons (Retractable Pencil).

Armand Dupree also has a collection of Perfect Stay Lipsticks that stays on your lips up to 12 hours.

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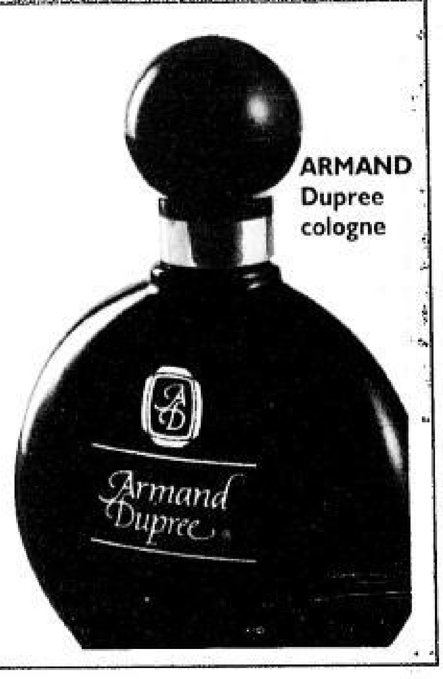
The Special edition cologne has a floral scent, and comes in a classic chic black 75 mL bottle.



ARMAND Dupree cologne

Handy hairstyling solutions

THE GOODY STYLING SOLUTIONS Collection has the tools to help women create chic hairstyles for special occasions.

For a sexy and sophisticated hairstyle, the So Mini brush can untangle and smoothen the frizz. When hair is completely dry, use a So Hot medium vent brush make big and loose curls to soften the look.

The XL Hot round brush is best for creating big volume and fluffy curls when used with a blow dryer. For best results, use on lightly damp hair.

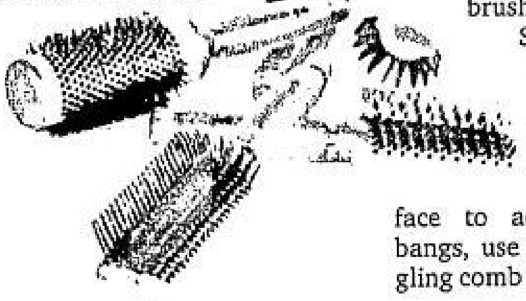
To create soft waves with "disconnected texture," set damp hair with magnetic rollers.

When hair is dry, separate curls using your fingers. Add texture by tousling the hair closest to the scalp. Finish off by lightly brushing your curls with Goody So Natural purse brush made of 100-percent boar bristles that are gentle on the scalp.

Also in the So Natural collection are the cushion brush for pulling hair back into a ponytail, paddle brush for long and thick tresses, and the large round brush to prevent flyaway.

Achieve a polished look for short hair by using a Tourmaline Infused So Stylish brush.

Switch to a paddle brush for volume and movement. Apply pomade or gel on strands of hair around the face to add definition. For bangs, use a So Gelous detangling comb for a natural finish.



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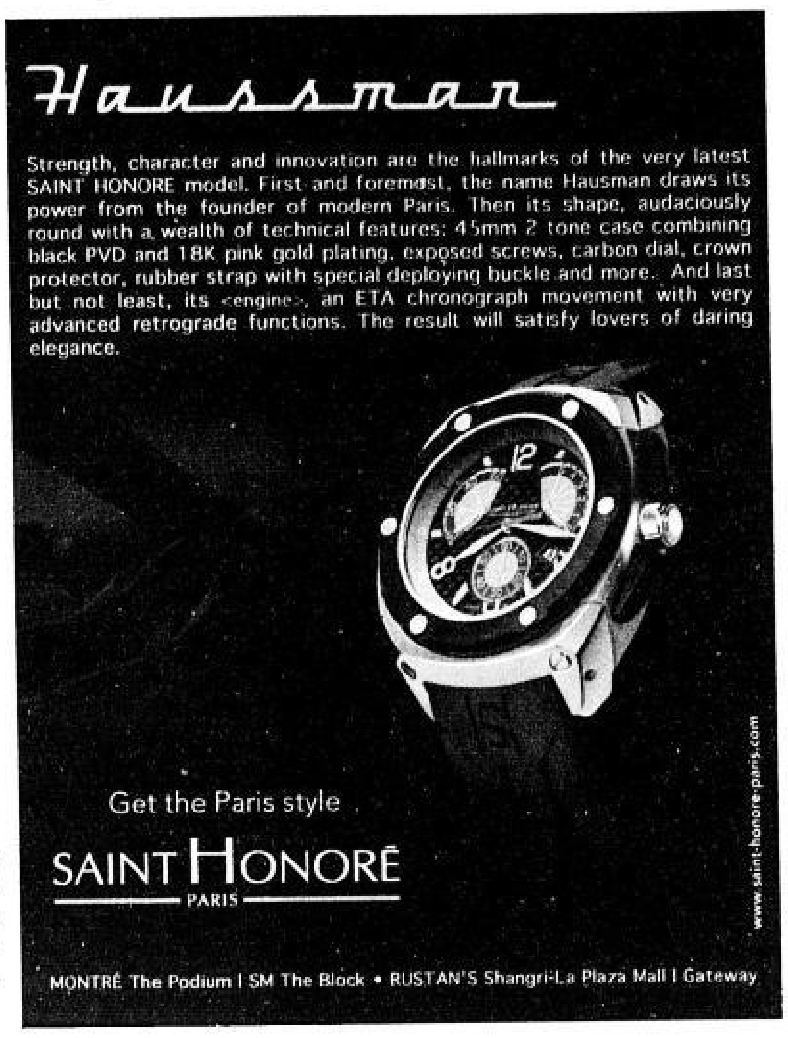

Haussman

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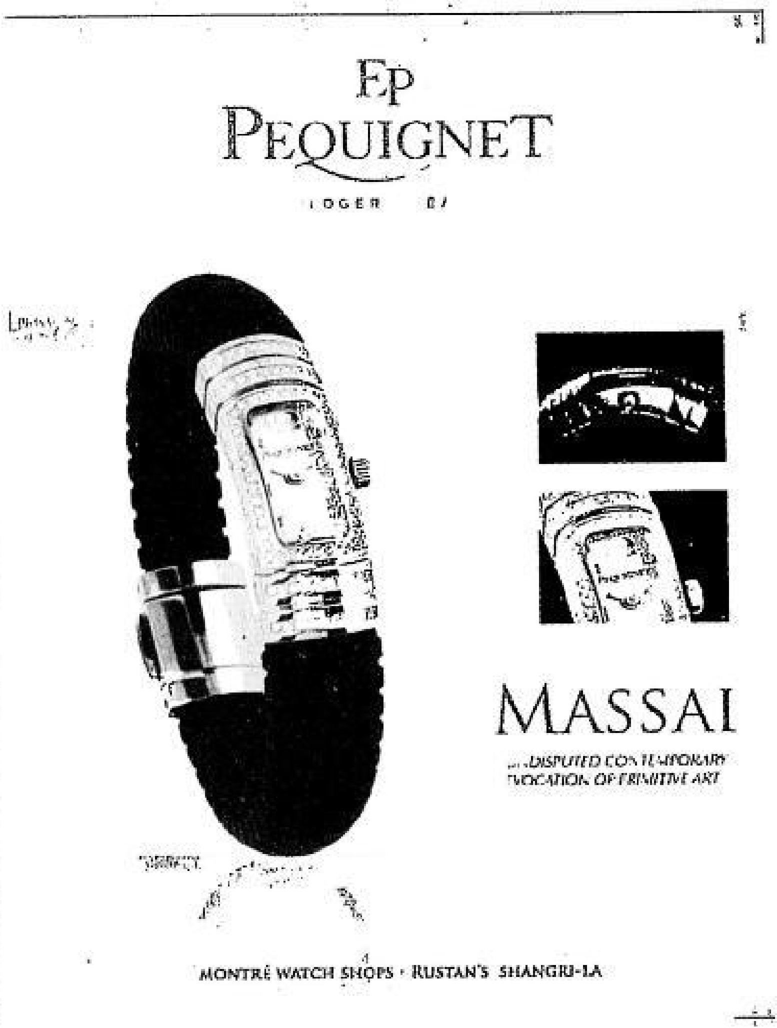

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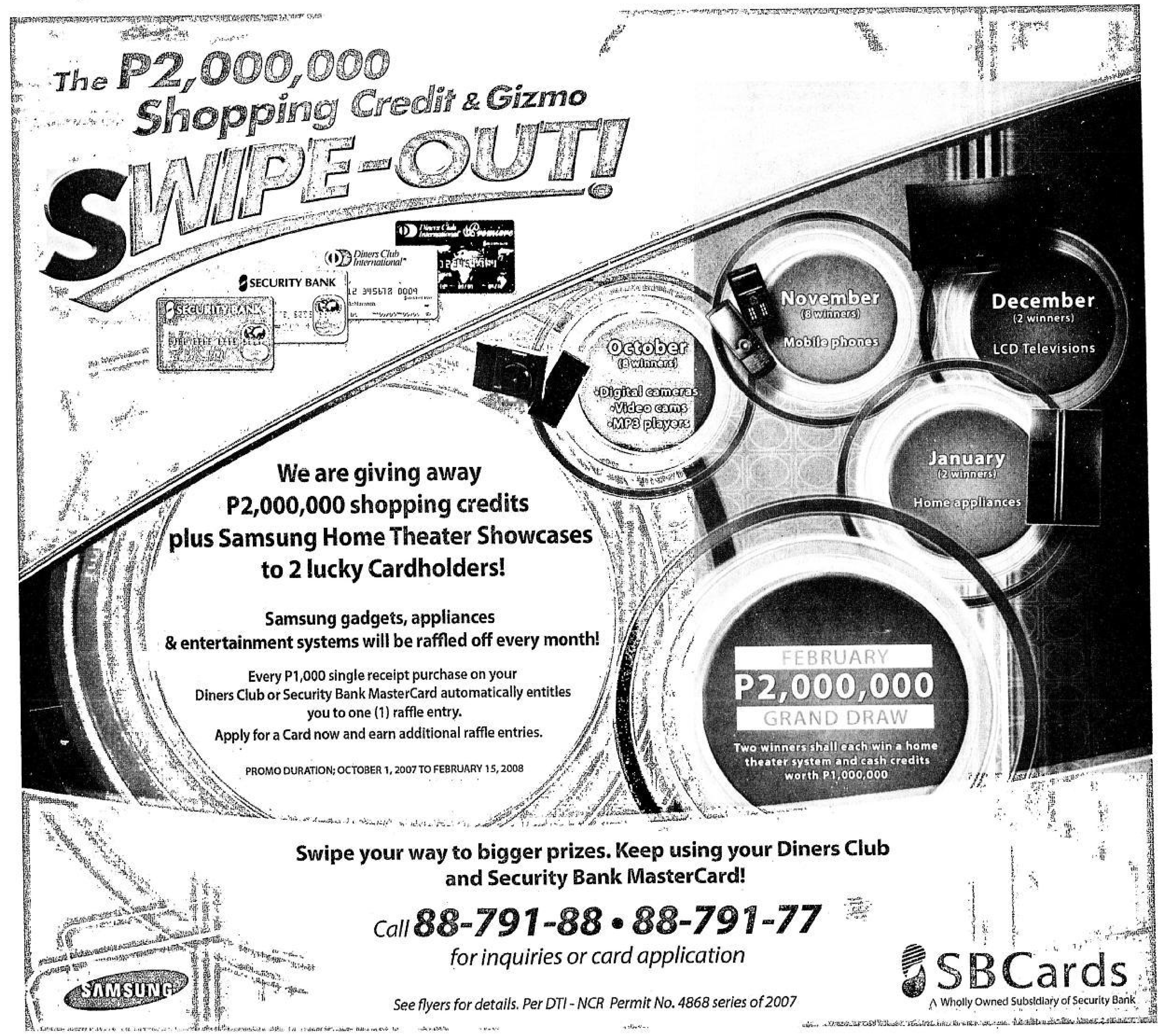

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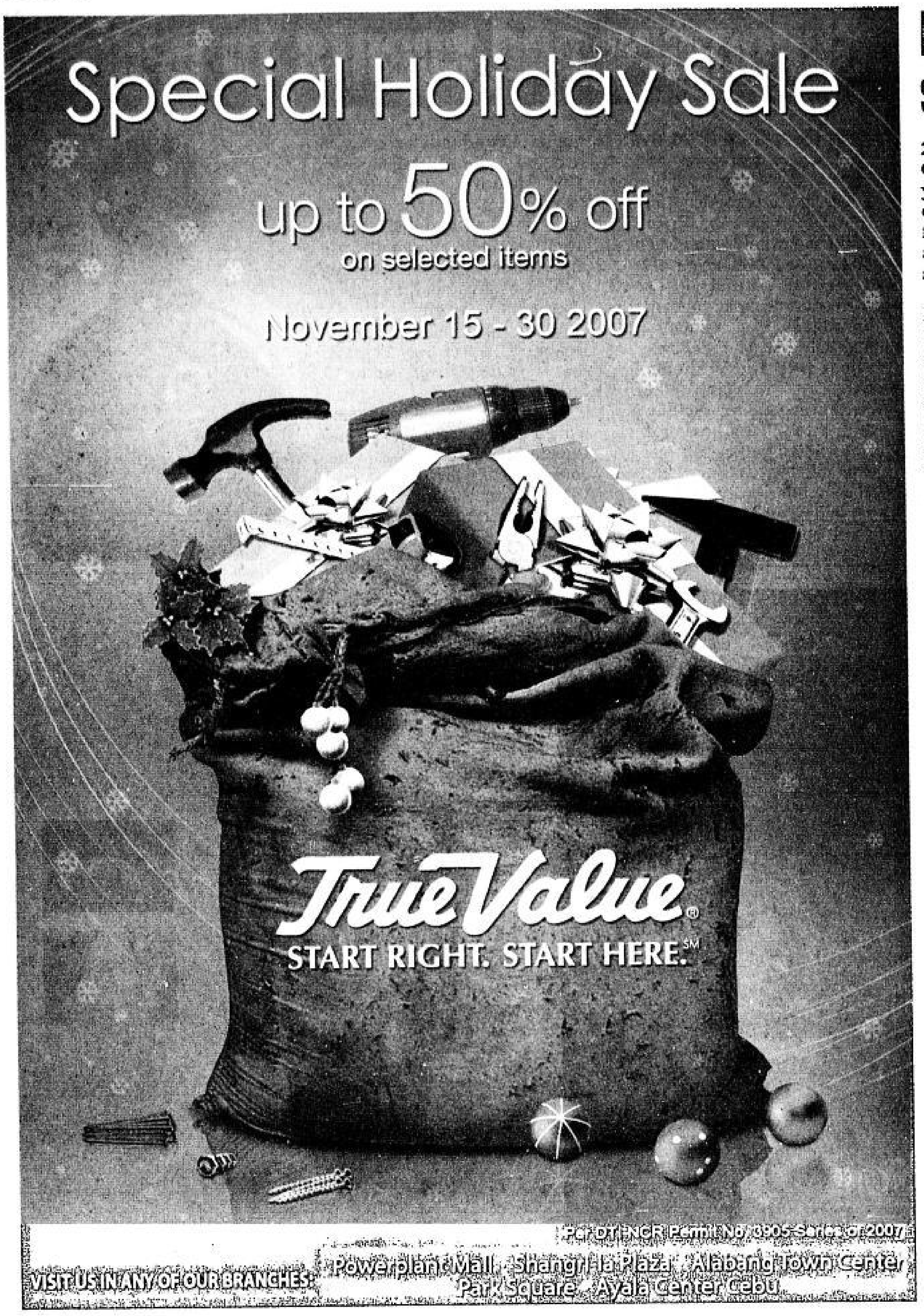
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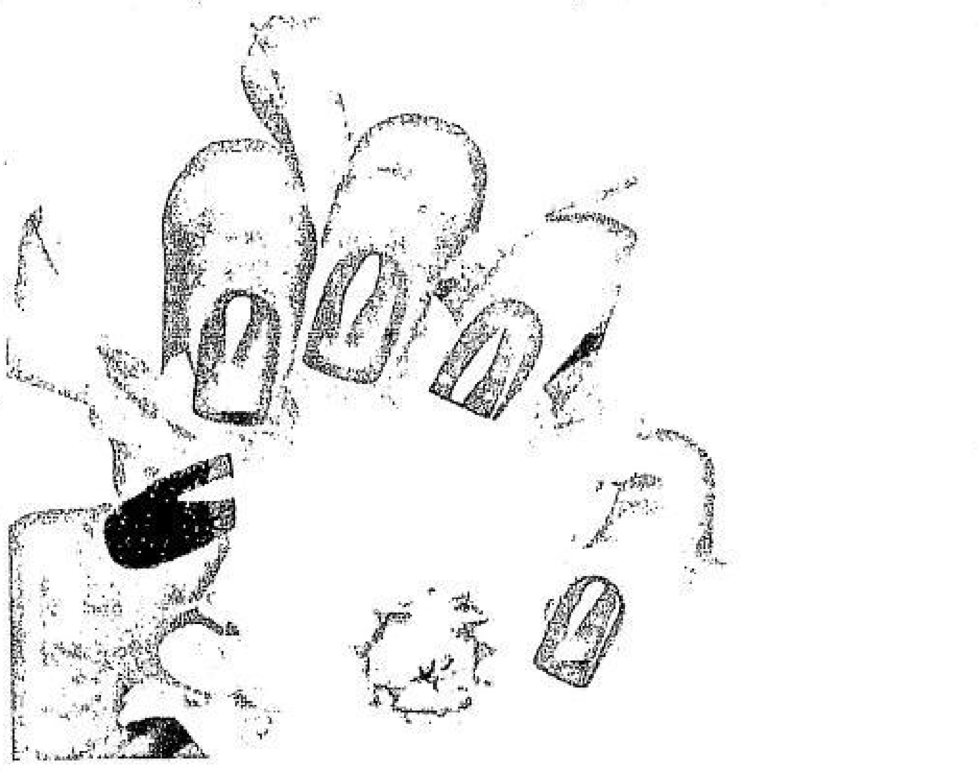
An extension of the hugely popular 212 line which is inspired by the sensual energy of cosmopolitan New York, 212 Sexy Men is a spicy Oriental fragrance combining the citric freshness of Bergamot, Mandarin, and Ginger with calming essences of Gardenia, Tonka Beans, and Cardamom; and a musky-woody finish of sandalwood, Vanilla Blossom, Musk and Gaiac Wood.

212 Sexy Men's magnetized metallic bottle in matte lilac reflects the fragrance's sensual and magnetic character. Exclusively distributed by Rustan Marketing Corporation, 212 Sexy Men by Carolina Herrera is available in leading department stores nationwide in 50ml (P2,950) and 100ml (P4,100).



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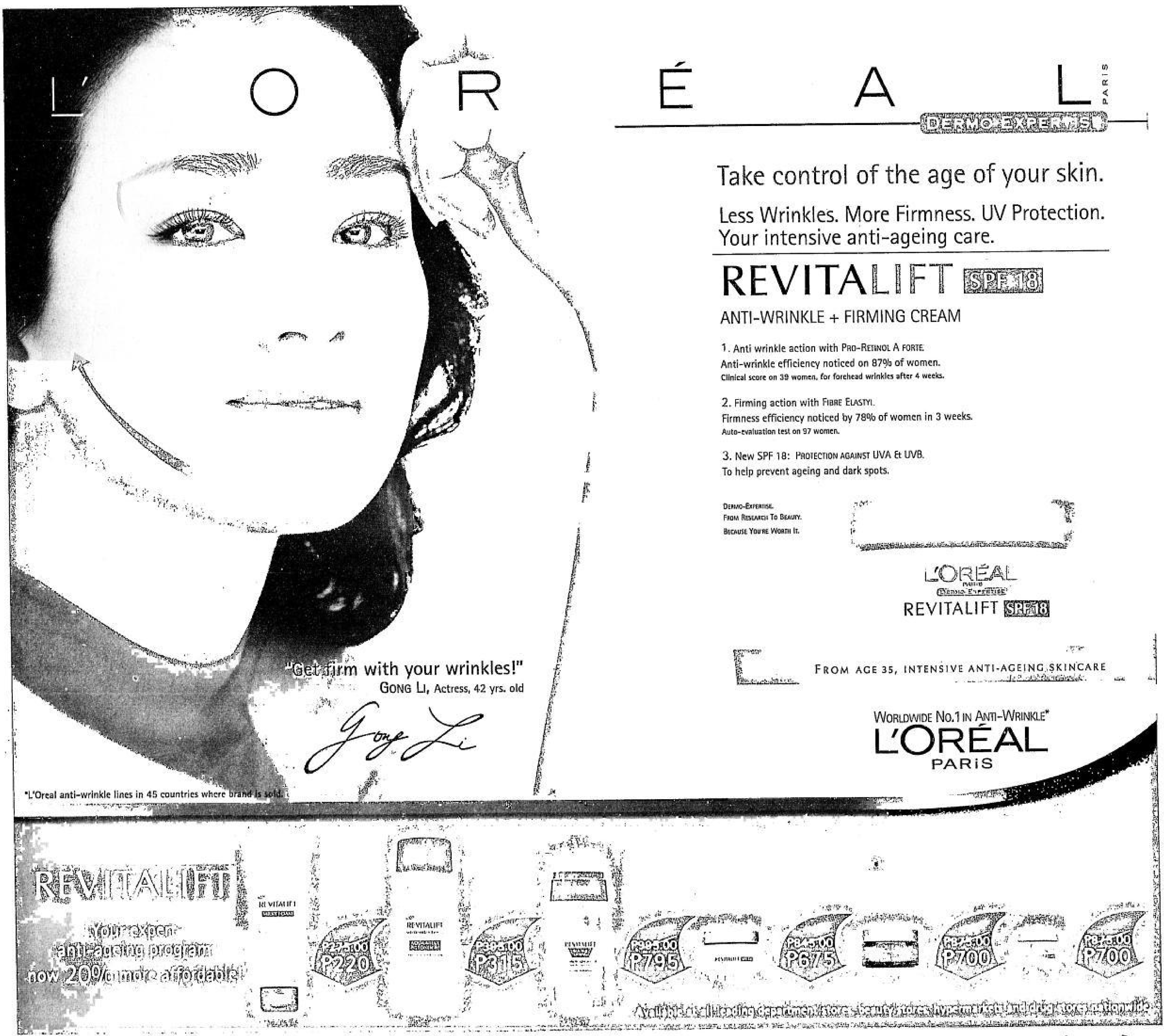
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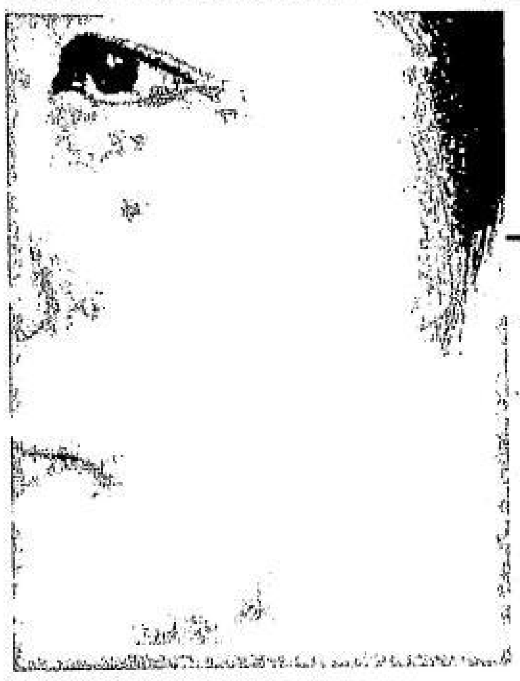

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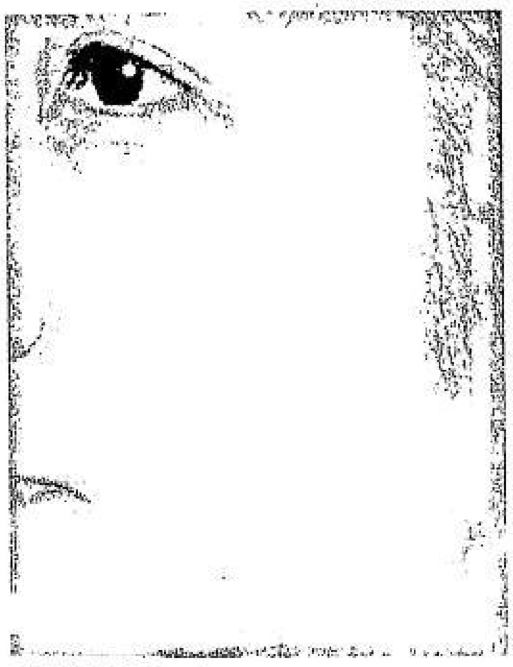


AFTER TWO sessions

A younger-looking you for the Yuletide

By Alex Y. Vergara

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR ways to give your face some lift before the holiday season rolls in? You don't have to postpone it for next year for fear of looking like Frankenstein's bride during the Yuletide ball.

The Belo Medical Group, under the experienced hands of Dr. Eloisa Buse, one of the company's senior associates, offers a number of relatively painless beauty procedures with very little or no downtime.

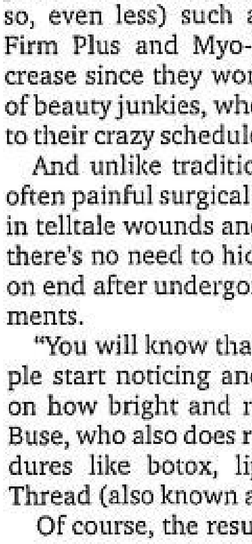
Demand for BMG's so-called lunchtime procedures (treatments done in an hour or so, even less) such as Fraxel, Thermage, Firm Plus and Myo-Lift continues to increase since they work for a good number of beauty junkies, who can now fit them into their crazy schedules.

And unlike traditional, more costly and often painful surgical facelifts, which result in telltale wounds and prolonged swelling, there's no need to hide in a cave for weeks on end after undergoing any of these treatments.

"You will know that they work once people start noticing and complimenting you on how bright and rested you look," says Buse, who also does routine invasive procedures like botox, liposuction and Aptos Thread (also known as the "feather lift").

Of course, the results may not be as dramatic compared to facelifts done under the knife. And except for Thermage, these series of one-hour, non-invasive procedures

A YOUNGER/ G4



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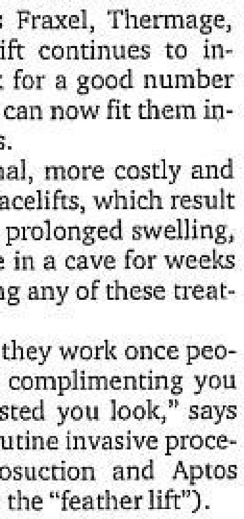

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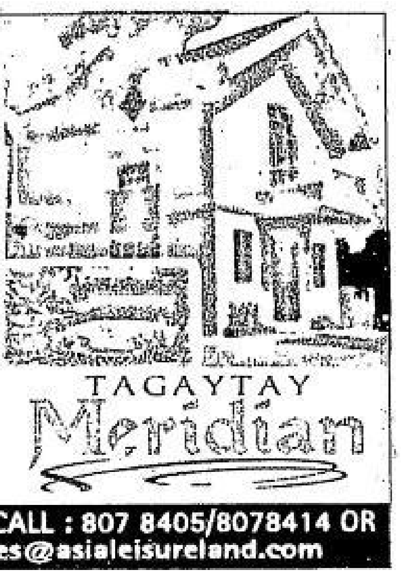

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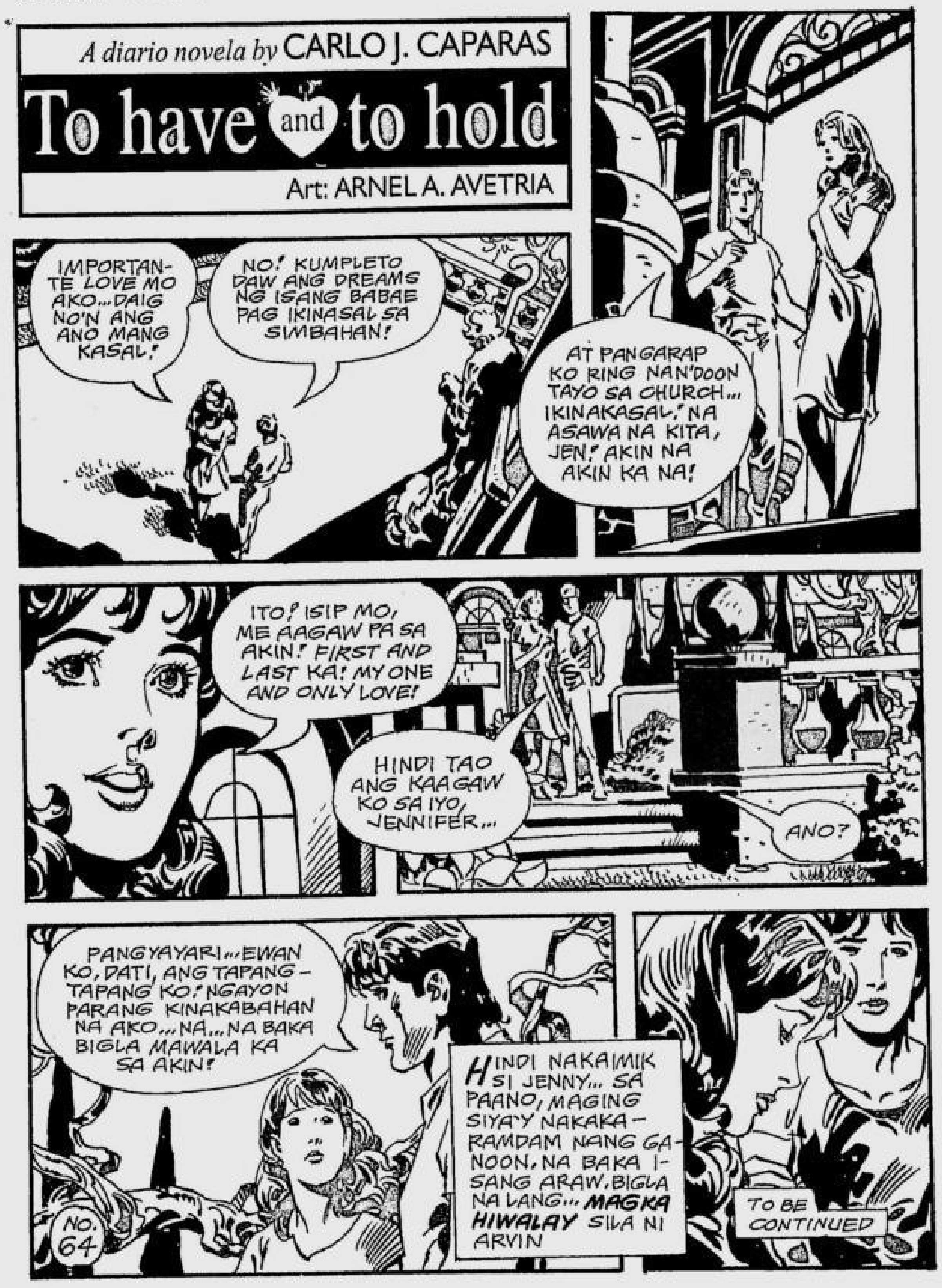
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NO! KUMPLETO DAW ANG DREAMS NG ISANG BABAE PAG IKINASAL SA SIMBAHAN!
AT PANGARAP KO RING NAN'DOON TAYO SA CHURCH... IKINAKASAL! NA ASAWA NA KITA, JEN! AKIN NA AKIN KA NA!
ITO! ISIP MO, ME AAGAW PA SA AKIN! FIRST AND LAST KA! MY ONE AND ONLY LOVE!
HINDI TAO ANG KAAGAW KO SA IYO, JENNIFER...
ANO?
PANGYAYARI...EWAN KO, DATI, ANG TAPANG-TAPANG KO! NGAYON PARANG KINAKABAHAN NA AKO...NA...NA BAKA BIGLA MAWALA KA SA AKIN!
HINDI NAKAIMIK SI JENNY... SA PAANO, MAGING SIYA'Y NAKAKARAMDAM NANG GANOON, NA BAKA ISANG ARAW, BIGLA NA LANG... MAGKA HIWALAY SILA NI ARVIN
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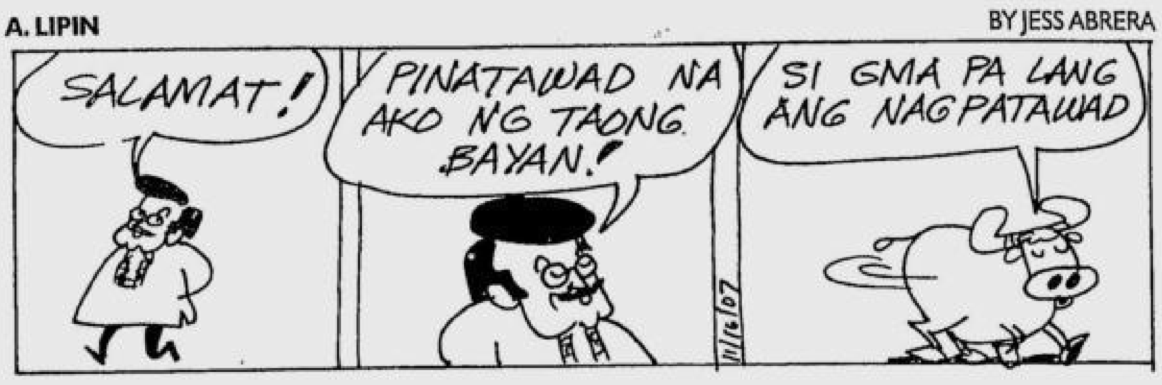
A. LIPIN BY JESS ABRERA


SALAMAT!
PINATAWAD NA AKO NG TAONG BAYAN!
SI GMA PA LANG ANG NAGPATAWAD
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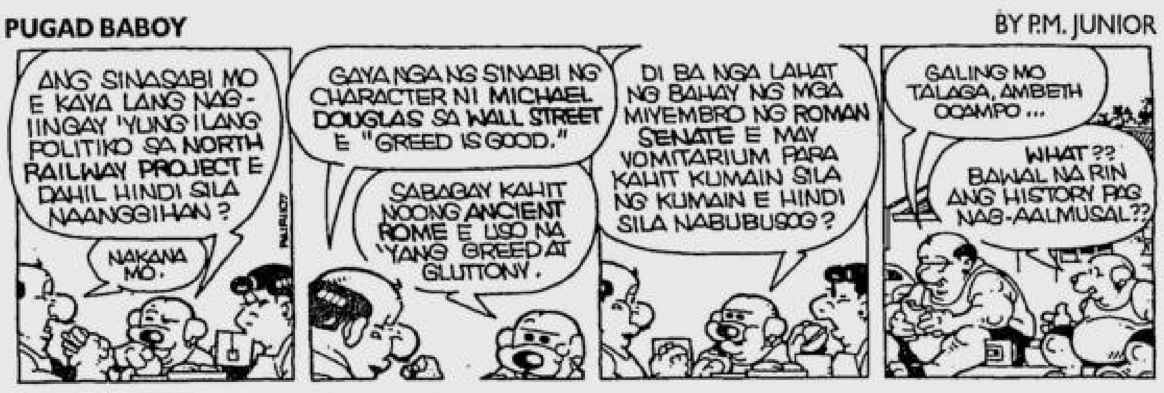
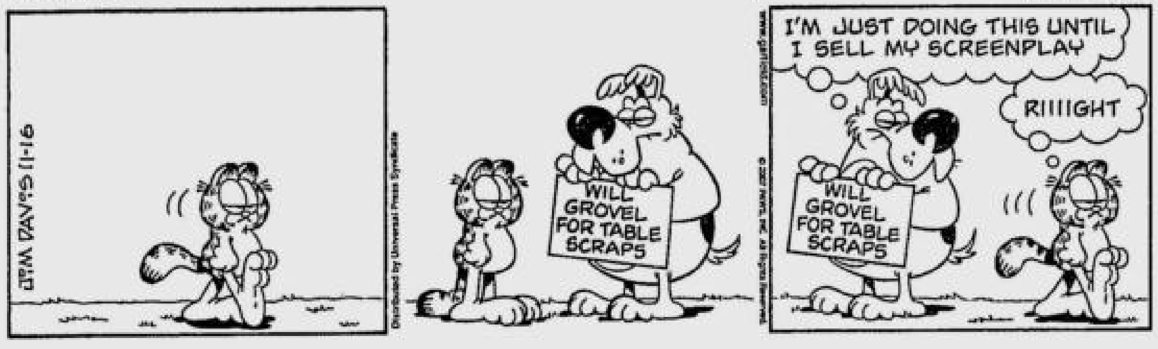
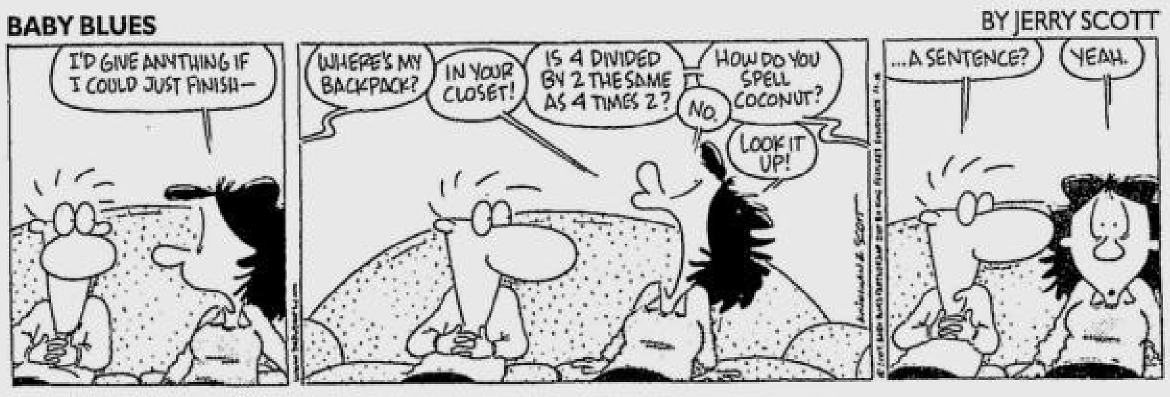

ANG SINASABI MO E KAYA LANG NAG-IINGAY 'YUNG ILANG POLITIKO SA NORTH RAILWAY PROJECT E DAHIL HINDI SILA NAANGGIHAN?
NAKANA MO.
GAYA NGA NG SINABI NG CHARACTER NI MICHAEL DOUGLAS SA WALL STREET E "GREED IS GOOD."
SABAGAY KAHIT NOONG ANCIENT ROME E USO NA 'YANG GREED AT GLUTTONY.
DI BA NGA LAHAT NG BAHAY NG MGA MIYEMBRO NG ROMAN SENATE E MAY VOMITARIUM PARA KAHIT KUMAIN SILA NG KUMAIN E HINDI SILA NABUBUSOG?
GALING MO TALAGA, AMBETH OCAMPO...
WHAT?? BAWAL NA RIN ANG HISTORY PAG NAG-AALMUSAL??

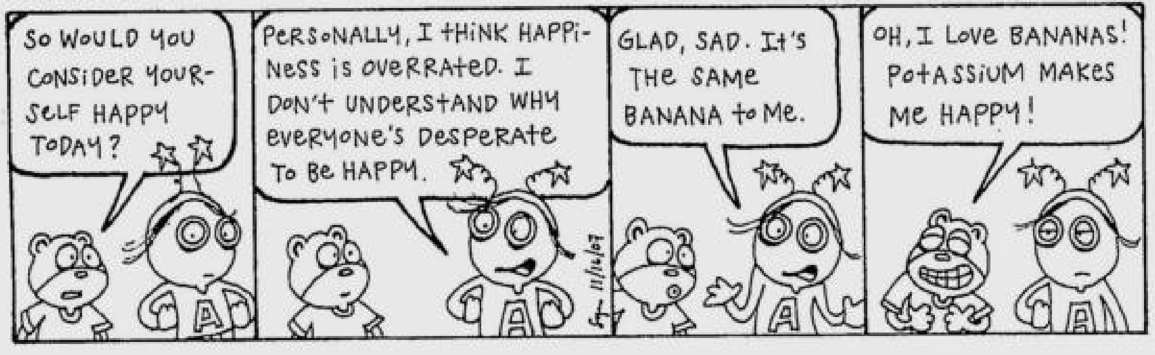
GARFIELD BY JIM DAVIS


JPM DAVIS 11-16
WILL GROVEL FOR TABLE SCRAPS
I'M JUST DOING THIS UNTIL I SELL MY SCREENPLAY
RIIIIGHT

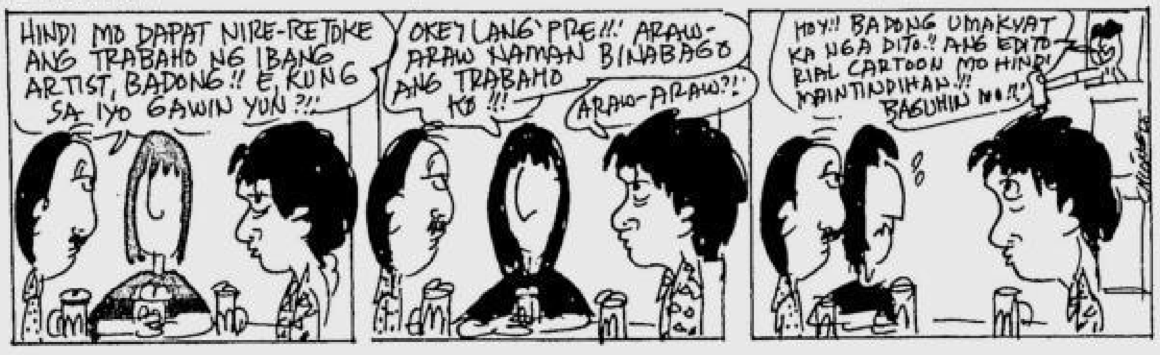
BABY BLUES BY JERRY SCOTT


I'D GIVE ANYTHING IF I COULD JUST FINISH—
WHERE'S MY BACKPACK?
IN YOUR CLOSET!
IS 4 DIVIDED BY 2 THE SAME AS 4 TIMES 2?
NO.
HOW DO YOU SPELL COCONUT?
LOOK IT UP!
...A SENTENCE?
YEAH.

ATOMO AND WEBOY BY LYRA GARCELLANO


So WOULD YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF HAPPY TODAY?
PERSONALLY, I THINK HAPPINESS IS OVERRATED. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY EVERYONE'S DESPERATE TO BE HAPPY.
GLAD, SAD. It's THE SAME BANANA to Me.
OH, I Love BANANAS! PotASSIUM MAKES Me HAPPY!

LOVEKNOTS BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO


HINDI MO DAPAT NIRE-RETOKE ANG TRABAHO NG IBANG ARTIST, BADONG!! E, KUNG SA IYO GAWIN YUN?!
OKEY LANG 'PRE!!' ARAW-ARAW NAMAN BINABAGO ANG TRABAHO KO!!!
ARAW-ARAW?!
HOY!! BADONG UMAKYAT KA NGA DITO..! ANG EDITORIAL CARTOON MO HINDI MAINTINDIHAN..!! BAGUHIN MO..!!

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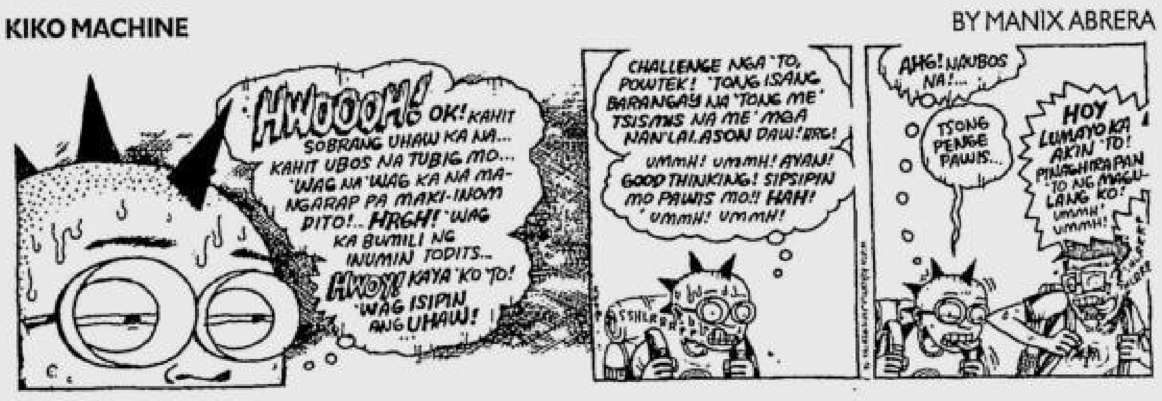
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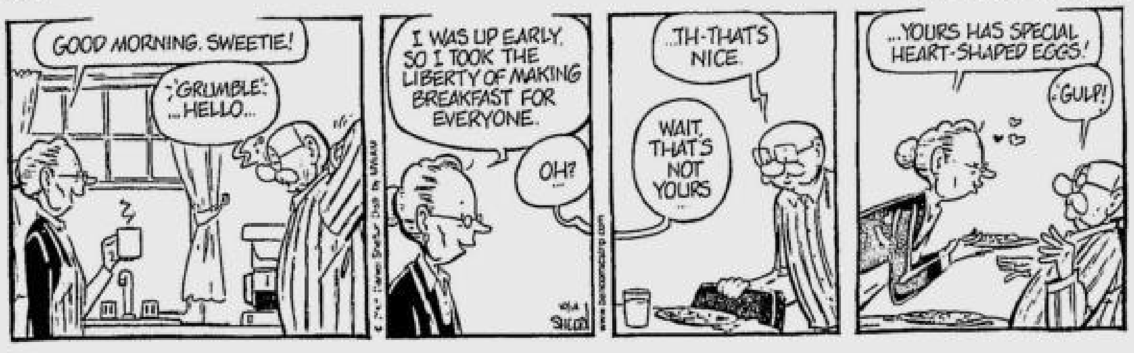
CHALLENGE NGA 'TO, POWTEK! 'TONG ISANG BARANGAY NA 'TONG ME' TSISMIS NA ME' MGA NAN'LALASON DAW! ERG!
UMMH! UMMH! AYAN! GOOD THINKING! SIPSIPIN MO PAWIS MO!! HAH! UMMH! UMMH!
SSHLRP
AHG! NAUBOS NA!...
TSONG PENGE PAWIS...
HOY LUMAYO KA AKIN 'TO! PINAGHIRAPAN 'TO NG MAGULANG KO! UMMH! UMMH!

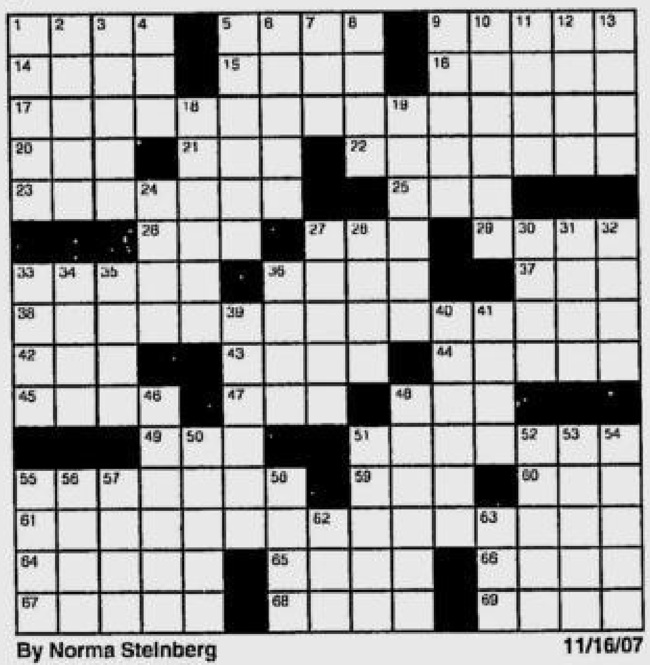
BEN BY DANIEL SHELTON


GOOD MORNING, SWEETIE!
GRUMBLE ...HELLO...
I WAS UP EARLY, SO I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF MAKING BREAKFAST FOR EVERYONE.
OH?
...TH-THAT'S NICE.
WAIT, THAT'S NOT YOURS
...YOURS HAS SPECIAL HEART-SHAPED EGGS!
GULP!

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Stand up to
5 Regarding
9 Swallowed
14 Judah's son
15 Happy starter?
16 Strong string
17 Previously employed laborers?
20 Shoshone
21 Past prime
22 Closest
23 Afternoon show
25 "__ Justice for All"
26 Calendar unit
27 IRS month
29 Bargain basement event
33 Cravat
36 Bayswater baby buggy
37 Highest amt.
38 Dessert portion?
42 Online hilarity
43 Lead-in to Easter
44 Police raids
45 Did the crawl
47 Historical period
48 Sleepwear, briefly
49 Contribute (to)
51 Honduran celebrations
55 So-so
59 Bus. abbr.
60 Wrath
61 Erie, compared to Huron
64 Remove knots
65 Gold-coated
66 Parched
67 First president of the AFL-CIO
68 Soft drink
69 Quite a few

DOWN
1 Fe-Fi follow-up
2 Actress Ekberg
3 Wedge-shaped mark
4 Vane heading
5 Welsh designer Laura
6 Playground chute
7 Cigarette negative
8 Exposed
9 Actor Hawke
10 Oscar and Tony
11 Prong
12 Cuts short
13 Partridge home
18 Give to Good Will
19 Mercy!
24 Silver screen star
27 Action site
28 Treaty
30 Bandstand boxes
31 Cafe au __
32 Former spouses
33 Piercing tools
34 Display
35 Pepsi product
36 Marina structure
39 Promise
40 Express dissent
41 To-do
46 Comic Short
48 Party punch?
50 1955-76 Chicago mayor
51 Actress Sally
52 Small crown
53 Alan or Adam
54 Dilapidated
55 Grad
56 Climbing plant
57 Jazz singer James
58 Omelet ingredient
62 River of Spain
63 Flight from the law



By Norma Steinberg
San Francisco, CA

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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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HOROSCOPE

YOU BORN TODAY: You're a natural director or executive. You get things done through the efforts of others. You're highly individualistic; nevertheless, you always win others over with your charm and talent. It's important for you to find the right life partner. Your year ahead is exciting because you're beginning a new cycle in your life. Open any door! Your life is about to take off in a new direction.

Birthdate of: Diana Krall, singer; Marg Helgenberger, actress; Miguel Sandoval, actor.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): This is an excellent day to sit down with partners and resource people to make long-range plans about the care of children, vacations or how to share something. You want practical solutions.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): What a wonderful day to talk to others in order to solve problems related to your job or your home and family. You're seeking long-range, practical answers.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): It's easy for you to have mental concentration today. Because of this, you can do routine tasks that might normally bore you. Choose jobs that require attention to detail.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): You're in a playful frame of mind, yet your thinking is crystal-clear. Make plans related to vacations, the arts, show business, the entertainment world and the hospitality industry.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Discussions with parents or family members will be productive today. Advice from someone older could be very helpful. You have nothing to lose by listening.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): Your focus and concentration are excellent today! This is a good day to read, study or talk to others about future plans. If necessary, you will work diligently to complete something.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Trust your moneymaking ideas today. You don't want to waste money. You're more concerned with having a good value in the future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): This is an excellent day to look around you with a critical eye and see what needs to be fixed, repaired or attended to. You're conscious of the flaws around you right now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Research into anything will pay off today. You want the back story because you want to know what the bottom line is. You'll discover straight facts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): Discussions with someone older, wiser or more experienced than you will benefit you today. You might be the older person, or you might be the one receiving the good advice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): This is an excellent day to perform mental tasks. Discussions with bosses, parents and teachers will be serious but useful. You're only interested in practical solutions.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): You're in the mood to learn something. And better yet, you have the patience and diligence to follow detailed procedures.

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis SudoKu By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.
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Answer to previous puzzle

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8	5	1	4	3	2	6	7	9
1	9	8	6	2	3	4	5	7
4	7	5	1	9	8	2	3	6
6	3	2	7	5	4	1	9	8
9	1	4	2	8	7	3	6	5
3	2	6	9	4	5	7	8	1
5	8	7	3	6	1	9	2	4

Difficulty Level ★★★

INDUCTION OF OFFICERS
President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo inducted into office recently in Malacañang the officers and directors for 2007-2009 of the National Council of Women of the Philippines (NCWP). The inductees were lead by Dr. Amelou B. Reyes, president (to the President's right); and Dr. Helena Z. Benitez (to the President's left), adviser emeritus. Others in photo are (from left) Peny Arkoncel, governor for Region IV; Josephine Parilla, auditor; Erlinda Chincuanco, PRO; Josefina Parilla, secretary; Rosario Villar, assistant treasurer; Dr. Cecilia Dy, vice president for Luzon; Myrna Yao, past NCWP president; Dr. Amelita Go, VP at-large; Imelda Gomez, VP for NCR; Dr. Teresita Quirmo, treasurer; Josephine Gaviola and Encarnacion Raralio, institutional directors representing the Catholic Women's League and Philippine Women's University, respectively.

GOINGS ON

3-day pre-Christmas sale

FESTIVAL Supermall in Filicity is holding a three-day pre-Christmas Sale Nov. 16-18. Discounts of up to 50 percent are offered on selected items by over 600 stores. Festival Supermall in Filicity, Alabang is a leading shopping, dining, amusement and entertainment destination south of Metro Manila. Mall hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. (850-3514, www.festival-supermall.com).

CHARITY SHOW. CRIBS Foundation, Inc. is presenting Repertory Philippines' "Fiddler On the Roof" Nov. 17, 8 p.m., at Onstage Greenbelt, Makati. The fund-raising show is co-presented by the Phinma Group, Del Monte and Rustan's. It is also supported by STI, Aboitiz One, Philamlife and SAFI-UFC, as well as Biscom, Inc.; Roxas Holdings; Probe TV; Victory Liner, Inc.; Meralco, Hapag-Asa, Lufthansa German Airlines and Banco de Oro. Cribs was founded in 1974 by two Lutheran missionaries entrusted with the care of abandoned babies. As a nongovernment organization it seeks to create a loving home environment for abandoned and surrendered children, as well as sexually abused young girls.

TREEBARK ART. Loreta Medina, writer and visual artist, is showing 20 paintings and photographs of images she finds on the trunk of trees. Titled "Puno't Dulo: The Secret Life of Trees," the treebark art exhibit is ongoing until Nov. 17 at The Alcove Gallery of the Filipinas Heritage Library on Makati Avenue.

ANNIVERSARY. THE UP-PGH School of Nursing Class 1952 is celebrating its 55th anniversary on Dec. 8 at the Century Park Hotel, Ermita, Manila. The celebration is part of the annual homecoming of the UP Nursing Alumni Association. The whole day affair will start with a Mass at 8 a.m. Call 7218871, 6418272 or the UP-PGH Nursing Alumni Association at 5210009.

HOMECOMING. Immaculate Conception Academy Greenhills holds an alumni homecoming dubbed "Slice of Life," Nov. 17. Highlights of the special event include musical show and raffle promo. Call 8402573 for details.

INTERNATIONAL BAZAARS. Zonta Manila I, the first Zonta club to be established in the Philippines and in Asia, is holding two international bazaars to raise funds for its Gawad Kalinga and nutrition, health, livelihood and scholarship projects. The first bazaar will be held Nov. 18, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., at the ballroom of the Renaissance Hotel. On Dec. 9, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., another bazaar will be held at the Hotel Intercontinental. This year's special features are home decor from Italy, fragrances from France, bed and bath products from the United States, silk wear from India, and holiday clothes and accessories from Bangkok, Hong Kong and Korea (8070657, 8509147 or 8428342; fax 8092172).

ANNUAL PHOTO EXHIBIT. The Ayala Alabang Camera Club is holding its 5th annual photo exhibit, "Curves", until Nov. 19 at the Chefs Avenue, 3rd level, Festival Supermall, near Seattle's Best. Featured are some 200 interpretations by the 25 participants of the theme from nature, architecture, human, graphics and still life. The Ayala Alabang Camera Club is a non-stock, non-profit organization.

URBAN BAZAAR. The third installment of the Rockwell Urban Bazaar is set Nov. 16-18 at the Rockwell Tent. The bazaar will showcase gift items--home decor, fashion apparel and accessories, shoes, everyday knick-knacks and trinkets from Manila's finest entrepreneurs. Call 898-1702 local 230.

YULE DISPLAY. Greenhills Shopping Center unveils the COD Yuletide animatronic display on Nov. 16. The display opens to the public on Nov. 17, with shows every 30 minutes, from 6-11 p.m.

COMEDY. The country's top impersonator, Willie Nepomuceno, performs in "Seven Days of Laughter" Nov. 17 at Eastwood City, which will also premier a new TV commercial of the same title. Nepomuceno spares no one, from the newly freed President Joseph Estrada to boxing champ Manny Pacquiao to comedy king Dolphy Showtime is at 7 p.m. at the Eastwood City Central Plaza. Call 6876770 (to 74) or 9178-EWCITY.

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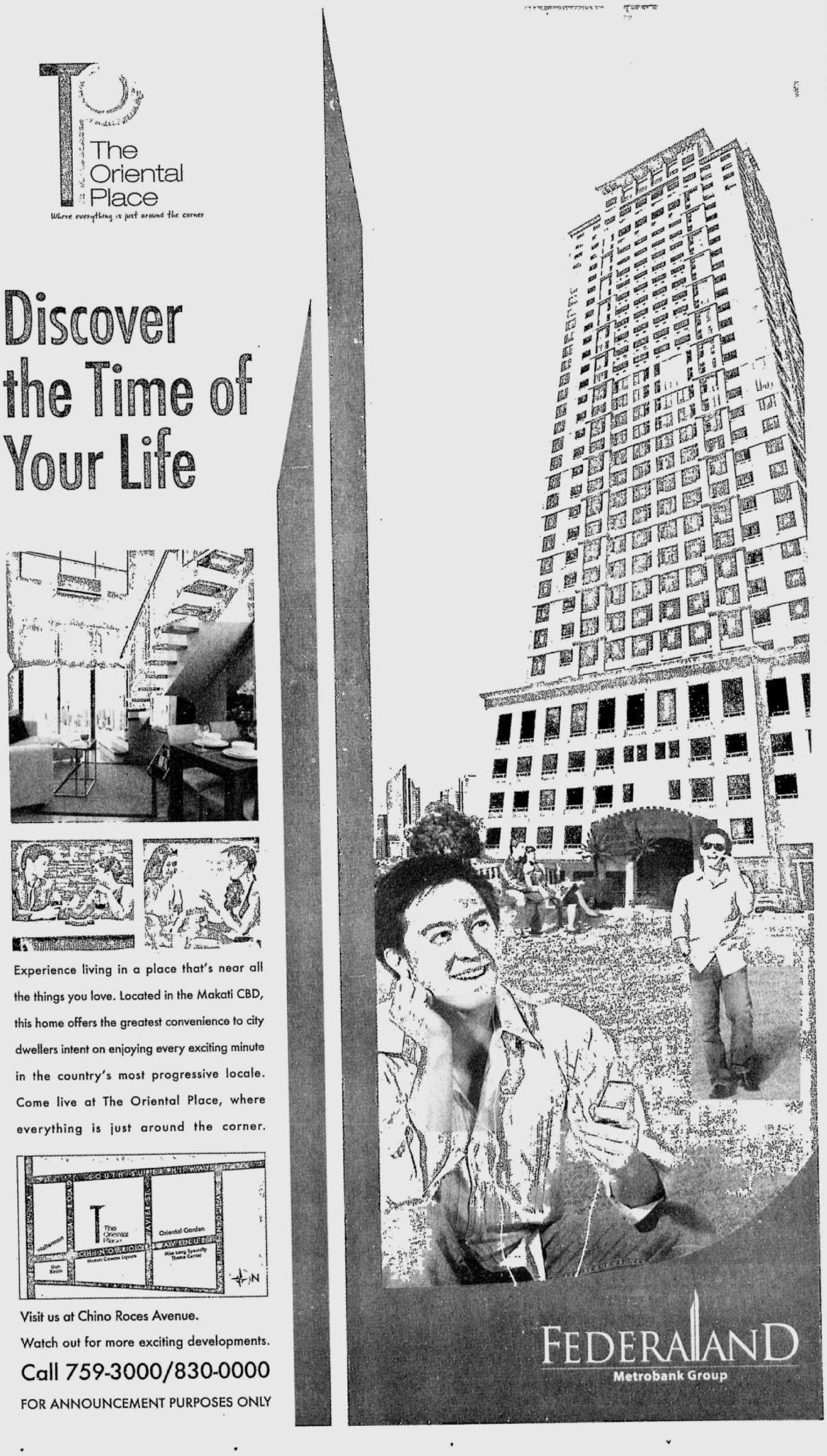
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(they don't involve piercing the skin) are done several times over a period of three to four months for clients to see and experience noticeable results.

But unless you want to become the next Joan Rivers, who always seems as if she has just emerged from a wind tunnel, why go for the flat, slit-eyed, almost vapid look so noticeable among not a few high-society matrons today?

These procedures, in conjunction with other treatments and skin-care routines like Belo's Obagi System, promise to leave clients looking fresher and more relaxed, as if they've just arrived from an ideal, all-expense paid vacation. Fraxel and the like often work best for women and men in their late 30s to early 50s.

"The thrust nowadays is to go for non-surgical, non-invasive procedures as much as possible," says the US-trained Buse, who joined BMG nine years ago. "The results may be subtle, but the best part is you can begin seeing them in less than a week."

Immediate results

In the case of Fraxel, an Erbium-type glass laser treatment that promises to eliminate age spots, temper acne scars, and address uneven pigmentation, wrinkles and even stretch marks, the results, Buse swears, are immediate.

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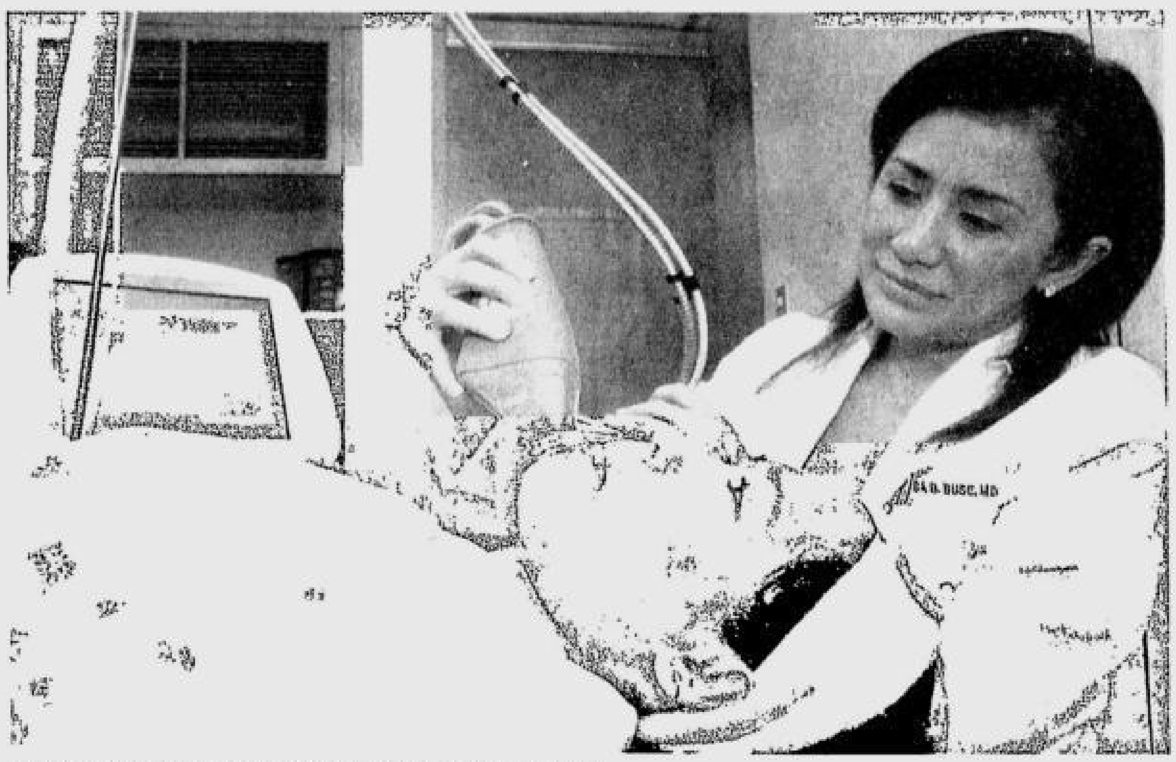

DR. ELOISA Buse does a Fraxel procedure on a client.

"In fact, you need not have these concerns for you to try Fraxel," she adds. "It's also good for simply rejuvenating tired-looking, but generally problem-free skin."

In Fraxel, the laser zeroes in several times on the treatment area causing fractional resurfacing (hence, its name) via a million points of light. The microscopic wounding, once it's healed, eventually promotes tighter, fresher and smoother skin.

"Some clients see results soon after the first treatment," says Buse. "Again, it depends on the client's expectations and how her skin responds to Fraxel. One normally needs to undergo six to eight sessions for her to see optimum results."

Each treatment ranges from around P8,000 to P17,000 depending on the area. Apart from the face, Fraxel also works on the neck, hands, feet and abdomen. Clients may opt for topical anesthesia during the procedure, but those with a low threshold for pain may want to undergo sedation.

As far as the treated area is concerned, the likely side effects are minor swelling and reddening, which may last from two to three days. After the skin undergoes a bronzing effect, it soon starts to show minor peeling within five to seven days.

"If you're bothered by acne scars, then another option would be to undergo Obagi Blue Peel," says Buse.

At P16,800 per session (one usually needs to undergo it twice), Obagi Blue Peel is cheaper, but a bit invasive and more painful than Fraxel in the long run.

But an unwanted but temporary side effect of this especially formulated, doctor-administered peeling solution is it turns your face blue for 7 to 10 days right after each treatment. If you want to catch up on your pre-holiday reading or do an extended gift-wrapping session without leaving your house for a week or so, then the Obagi Blue Peel is for you.

Collagen stimulation

For collagen stimulation, however, Thermage is still one of the best. Thanks to its patented radio frequency technology called ThermaCool, the procedure reportedly tightens and gently lifts muscles to help smoothen wrinkles and define facial contours.

"Compared to Fraxel," says Buse, "Thermage reaches deeper layers of the treated area to help induce collagen production, one of the components of younger-looking skin."

Like Fraxel, it also works on other body parts such as the arms, neck and abdomen. Unlike in the latter, however, patients need to be sedated during the entire procedure. Price tag ranges from P34,000 to a cool P134,000 (face and neck) depending on the area.

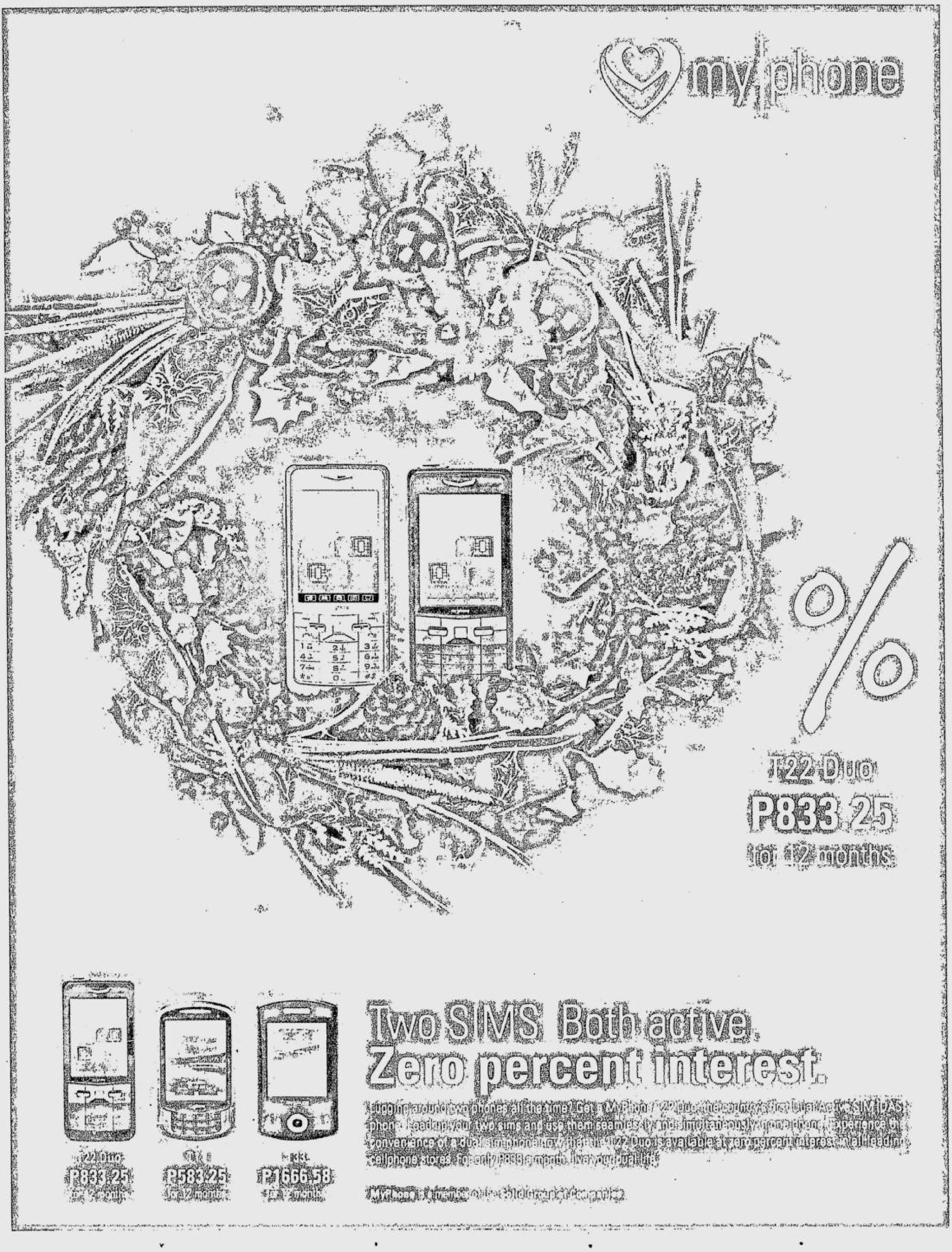
A gentler version of Thermage, which also tightens the face and stimulates collagen production overtime, is Firm Plus. Unlike Thermage, it's virtually painless and requires no sedation and topical anesthesia. Although effects are immediate, clients need to undergo the 45-minute treatment once a month over a period of six to eight months to see more lasting results.

Finally, BMG has recently acquired a machine to help you in your battle with time and gravity. The Pan-G machine also promises to give you a non-surgical facelift through the patented Myo-Lift procedure.

It "re-educates" facial and neck muscles to give these areas a more lifted and rejuvenated look. The Pan-G machine is able to do this through the combined effects of electrical currents and ultrasonic waves to stimulate and tone facial and neck muscles.

The entire regimen (P1,680 to P5,600 per treatment, again, depending on the area) consists of 20 sessions done twice a week. Each session usually lasts for an hour and thirty minutes.

You don't have to wait until the eleventh hour for Santa Claus to grant your beauty wish. If the likes of Dr. Buse can start doing it now for you, imagine how your "Santa" would react if he sees a younger-looking you come Christmas eve.



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First impressions

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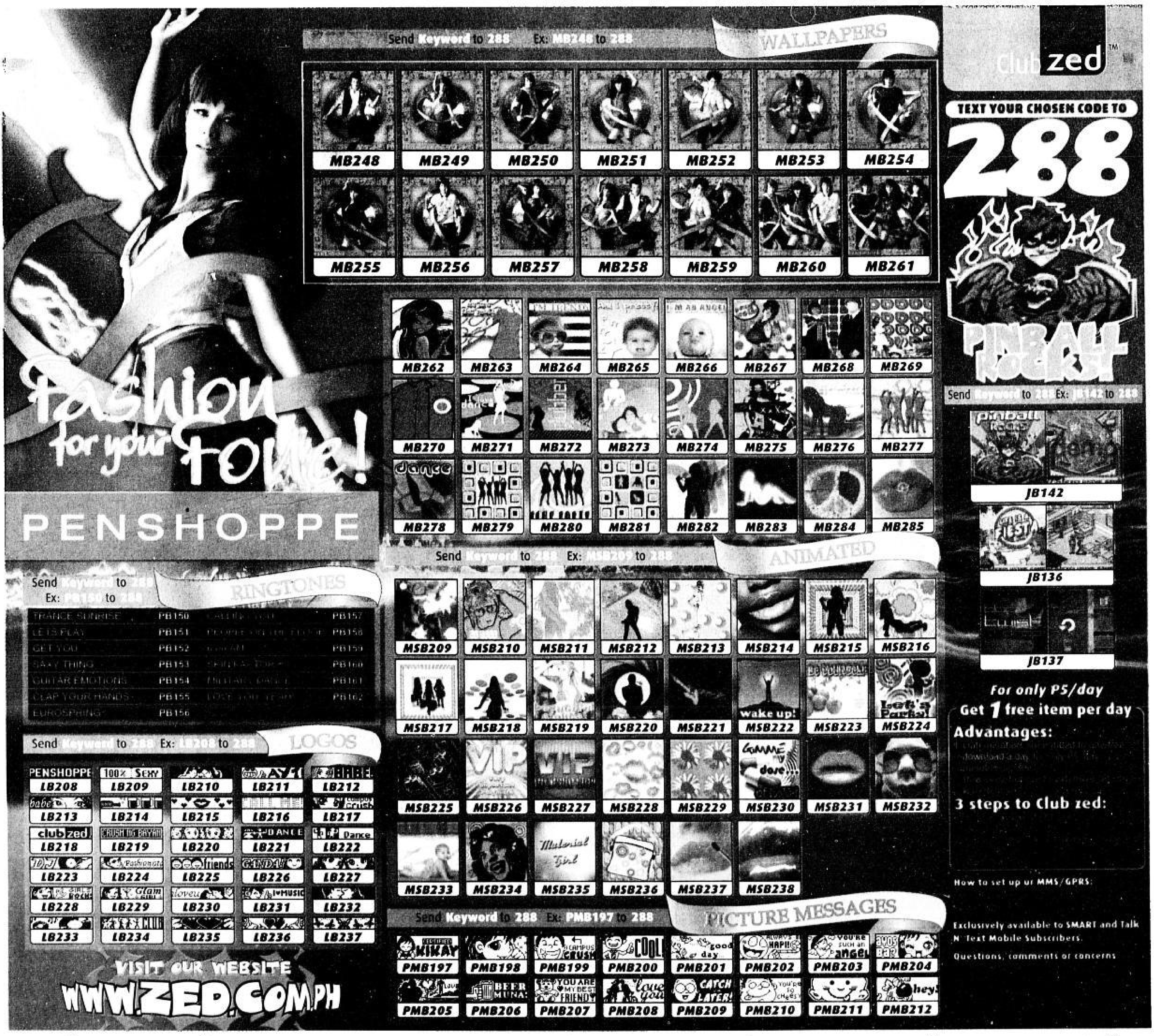

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Model/Stylist Mikaela Lagdameo-Martinez/Elan Models Int'l
Makeup Robbie Piñera
Hair Raymond Santiago
Flawless White skin by Pond's
Shot on Location at the Tesoro Residence, thanks to Mr. Raffy Tesoro

WHITE and gold sequined top by Topshop

WHITE tank top, white faux fur shawl, and beige ruffled skirt, all by Topshop; gold woven leather belt by Dorothy Perkins; white denims by Warehouse; pink peep-toe slingback heels by Zara

Allow me to share some simple ways—little reminders and tips—on how to improve one's self

APPLES' PICKINGS

Apples Aberin-Sadhwani

TRULY STYLISH WOMEN KNOW that looking good does not start and end with the clothes on their back and the Chanel jumbo classic on their shoulders. These women understand that to be their most beautiful selves, they must continuously develop different aspects of their being, be it physical, emotional, mental or spiritual.

The ultimate goal, after all, is to achieve a certain balance in your life that allows you to be the best you can be. So, whether you're job-hunting, angling for a promotion, or even waiting for the man of your dreams, you are always up to the task and ready for whatever comes your way.

Having said that, do allow me to share some simple ways—little reminders and tips—on how to improve one's self:

Let's get physical

First impressions really do stick, so make a good one. How, you may ask. By taking care of your appearance, for one.

Start off by making sure you have smooth skin that can spell the difference between looking well-groomed or just plain shabby. Based on extensive research in key Asian countries done by the Ponds Institute, a woman's ultimate expression of beauty is not pale but flawless white skin that is fair, clear, and free of blemishes.

You can achieve this by using various products out in the market. The Pond's Flawless White range with its specialized VAO-B3 complex (a combination of the new Vitamin E, Allantoin, and optics powdered B3 complex) just might be a good option.

It will also help to have your hair styled to complement your face shape, built and personality. Keep it neat and away from the face when in the office, and style it any which way for other events. Do wear a bit of makeup, too. A little blush, mascara and lip-gloss will usually do the trick.

Also, dress appropriately. Consider dress codes in the workplace and the various functions you are attending. Needless to say, clothes should fit well, be clean, and with no missing buttons or hanging hems. Of course, shoes always have to be clean and well-shined.

Attention!

Your carriage can also help you project confidence in yourself and your abilities. So stand straight, stand tall and hold your head up. Oh, and develop a firm handshake while you're at it. Nothing is more off-putting than a weak handshake, which is often seen as a sign of poor character.

Mental foreplay

Take a literary adventure with writers like Rand, Tolstoy, Austen or more contemporary authors like Michener, Gaiman, or even Rowling to widen your horizons. There's nothing like a good book to improve the mind and get your creative juices flowing. Plus, reading can help make you into a better conversationalist, providing you with a wide array of topics for discussion.

Moderation is key

The way to a healthy existence is through moderation. Eat whatever you want, but never overdo it. You need not deprive yourself of that chocolate-y morsel of fudge, for example, but a sliver is good enough, as opposed to a big slice.

Find time to exercise three times a week as well. Hate the gym? Then walk around the block for at least 30 minutes, indulge in a favorite sport or form a regular exercise group with friends.

Of course, it's always best to consult with a nutritionist or trainer. But if you want to keep things easy and simple, repeat this mantra: moderation is key.

Ohmmmm...

Lastly, find time to de-stress, unwind and take a breather from everyday pressures. Lock yourself in your room if you must to get even 10 minutes of precious time alone. Meditate, pray or do whatever it takes to gain inner peace, which will definitely light up and complement your outside appearance.

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WHITE embroidered top worn under a gold vest both by Topshop; baby pink wide leg pants by Ebony & Ivory mini to the max mini to the max mini to the max mini to the max

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GOLD puff-sleeve top with sequins, taupe A-line miniskirt, gold charm necklace and bronze metallic kid leather bag

STEEL wide-neck cap-sleeve sweater, powder A-line skirt with pleats and purple suede bag

Don't call me baby!

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The silhouette is structured and fuller, with updated styles of suitings that offer lots of shorter jacket and skirt or short combinations.

Accentuated waists come with plenty of layering such as flared miniskirts or bubble skirts over skinny leggings. Jackets have large rounded collars and are cut away from the body in baby doll, A-line or swing shapes for more relaxed dressing.

Lots of chain, charm and medallion accessories complement the look, reminiscent of a younger Chanel.

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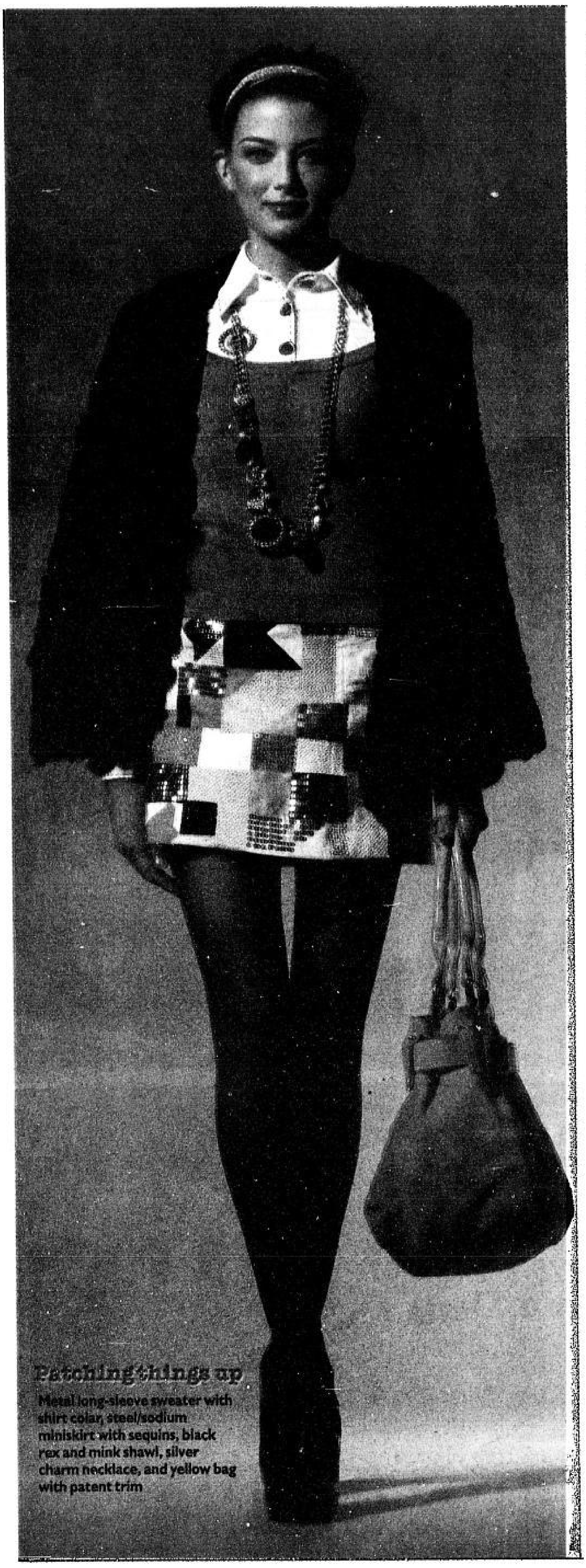

Patching things up

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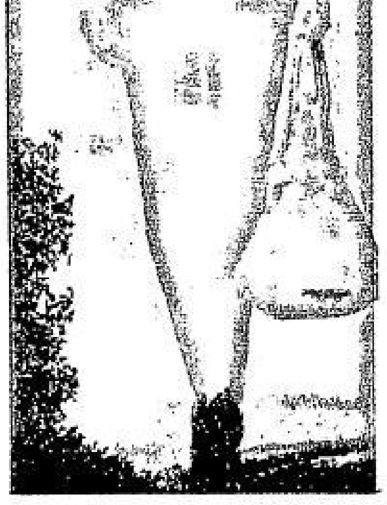

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POWDER U-neck knitted dress, powder crop-sleeve cardigan, gold necklace with glass beads, gold charm necklace and dark-brown sheep-skin gloves

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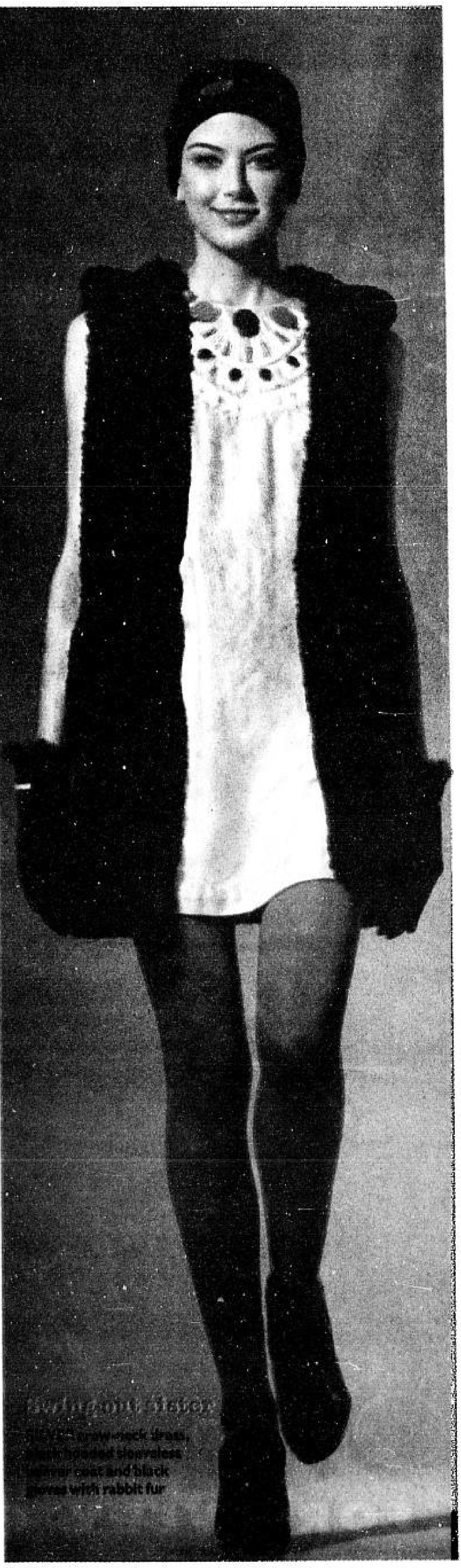

Swinging out sister

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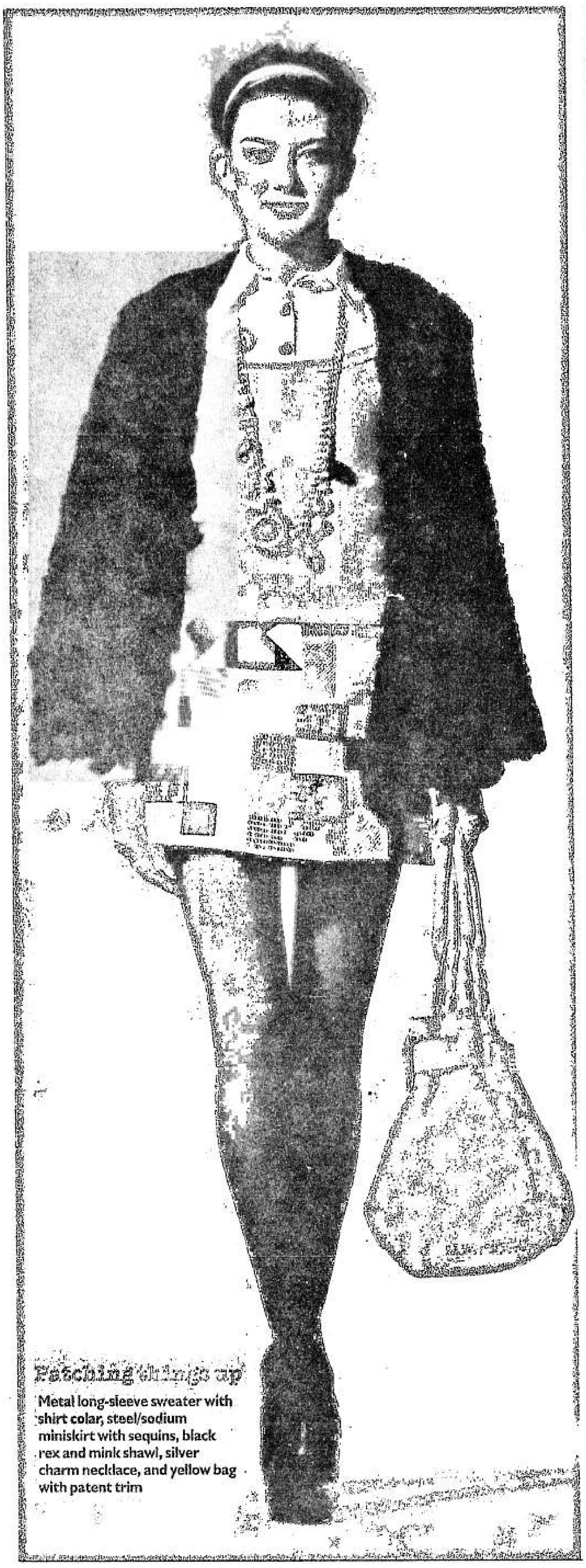

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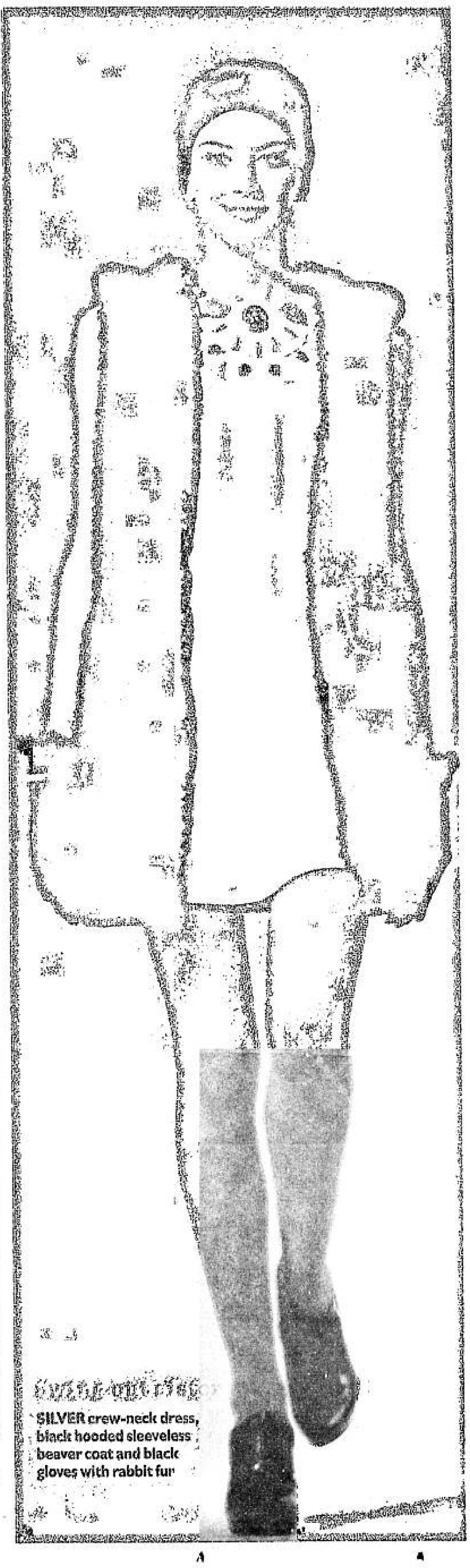

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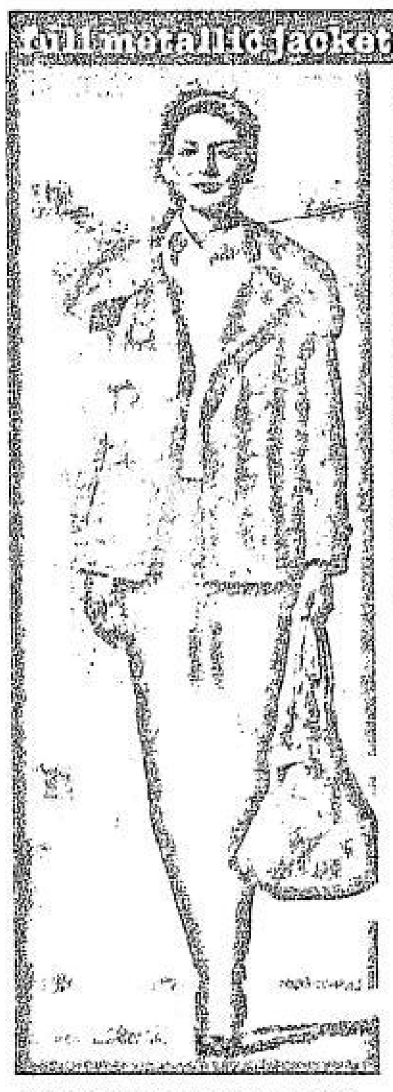

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RETAKE OF PRECEDING FRAME

Nattily nautical

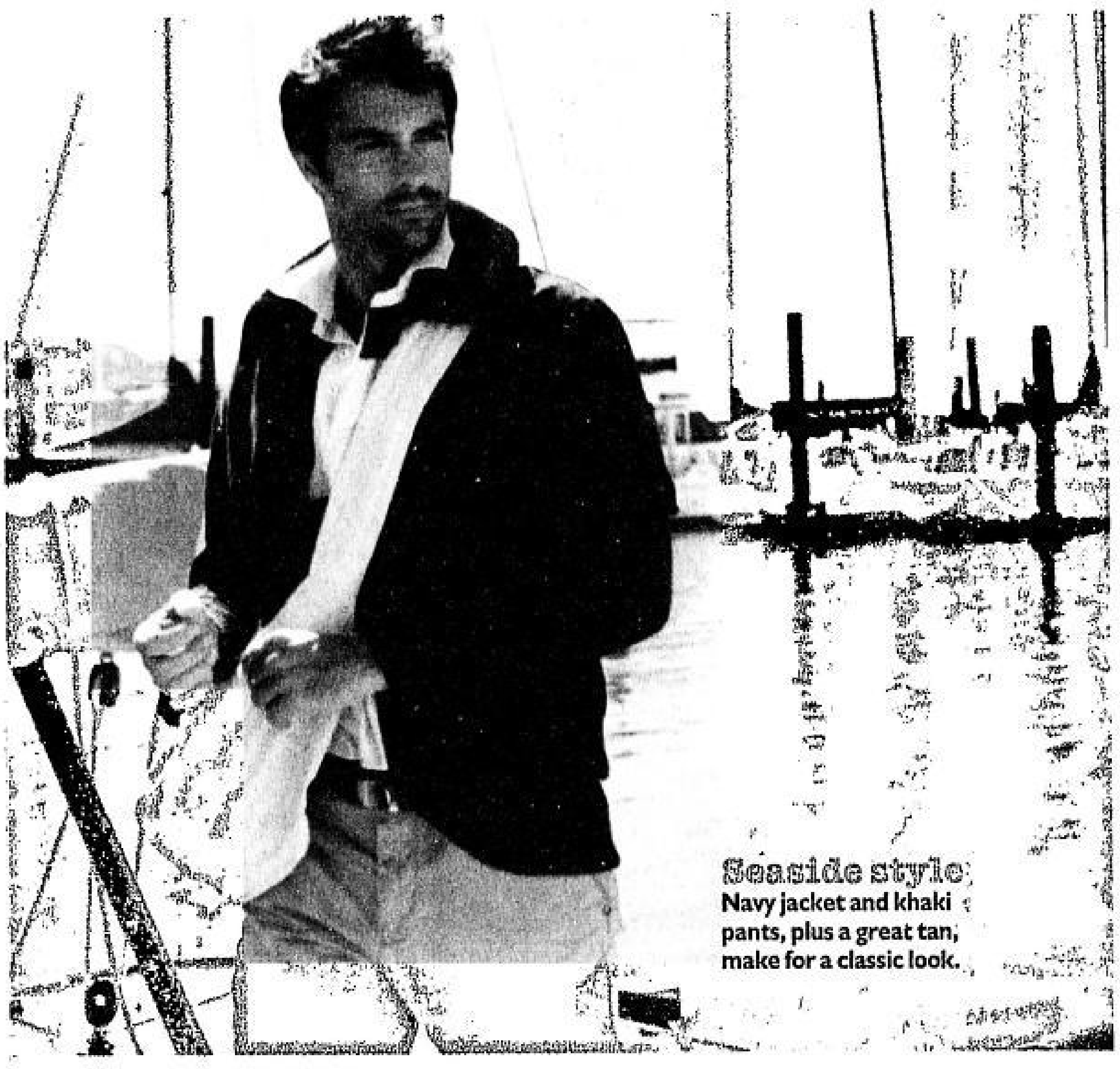
THE NAUTICAL LOOK DEFINES Dockers San Francisco's Fall/Holiday 2007 collection.

Dockers Khakis, the line inspired by classic American casual wear of the '50s and '60s, leads the maritime inspiration with nautical stripes and motifs of an anchor, compass and nautical graphics. The look is either preppy with slim- or regular-fit twill or corduroy pants and smart tops, or stylishly rugged with mild lived-in utility khakis or slub denim pants and rugged jackets layered over T-shirts. Core colors are navy, midnight, black, gray with a splash of warm tones such as orange and red.

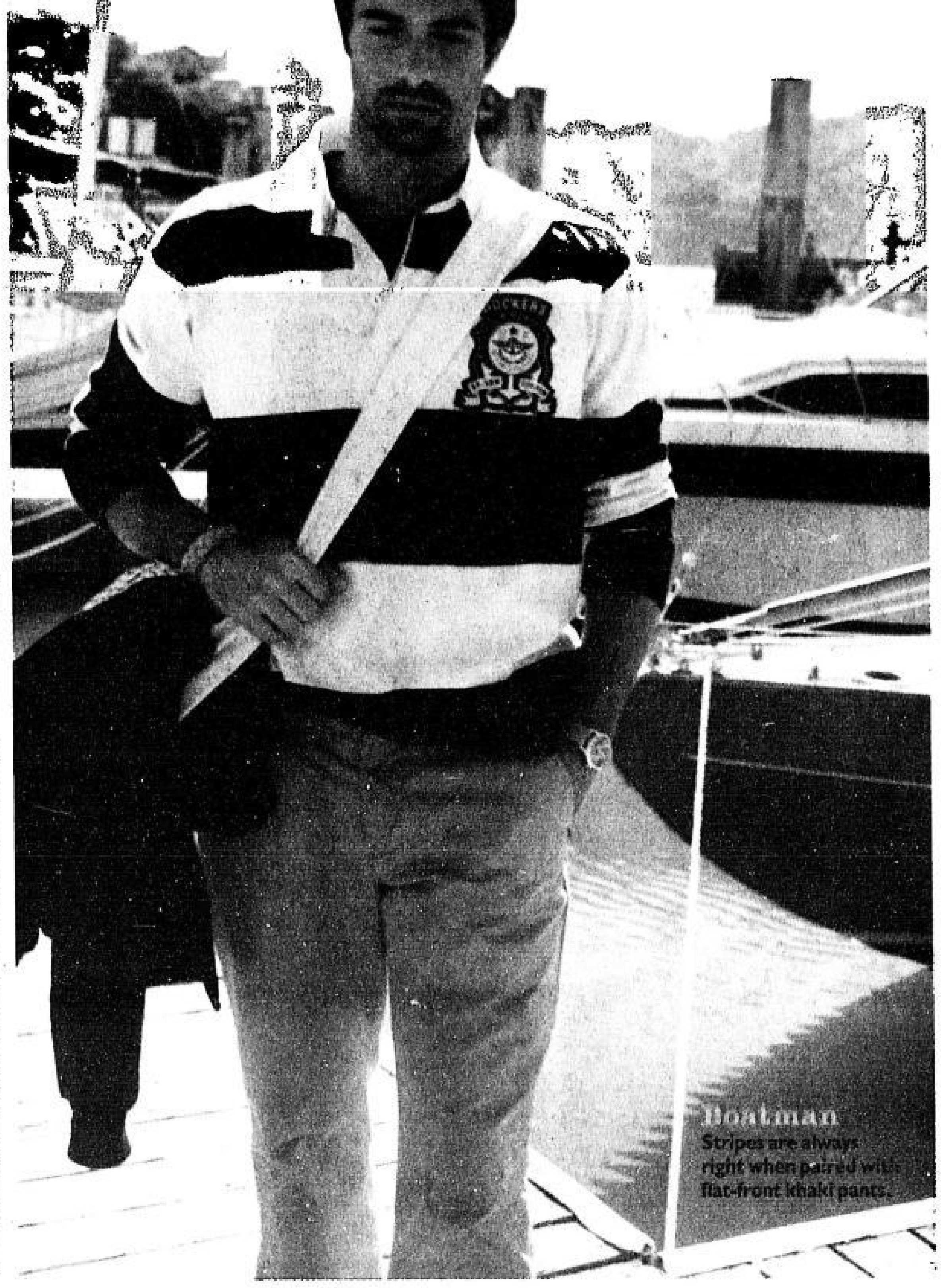
The Dockers Mobile line is designed to provide ease and comfort with its offering of long-sleeve cotton and corduroy shirts, T-shirts, bamboo/fleece jackets, cargo pants and travelling pants. These items are reversible, detachable, lightweight, and have moisture control, temperature management, water repellency and wrinkle-resistance properties.

Dockers' formal/business wear includes the brand's Never Iron cotton shirt and pants and water- and oil-repellant pants. The shirts have herringbone pocketing, pinpoint oxford, mini stripes, yard dyed dobby stripes and plain weave stripes. These are matched with pants that come in slim and regular flat-front and pleated cuts. Trimming and details come in blue hues, complemented by a mix of purple velvet, rose, taupe, white and navy.

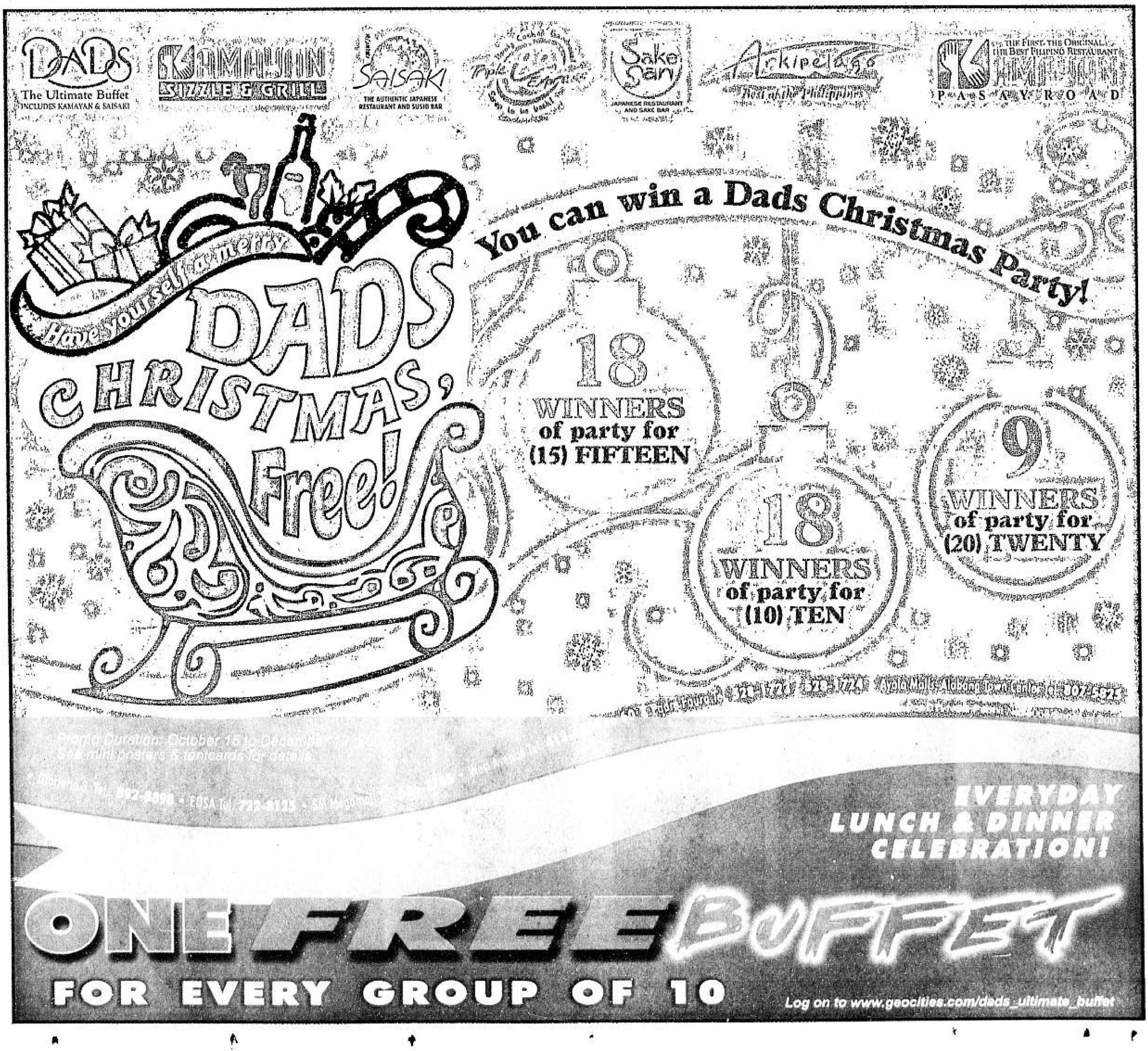
The new season also features graphic T-shirts with the theme "boating in fall" and "Love and Haight," highlighting Haight-Ashbury, the district known as the center of the 1960s hippie movement, as well as prints of popular San Francisco hangouts.



Seaside style
Navy jacket and khaki pants, plus a great tan, make for a classic look.



Boatman
Stripes are always right when paired with flat-front khaki pants.



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Nov. 18	BFL Kids Fun Day: Christmas Card Making
Nov. 22	Stardanz Eliminations
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Nov. 25	Christmas Caroling Cheers Competition
Nov. 29	Stardanz Eliminations

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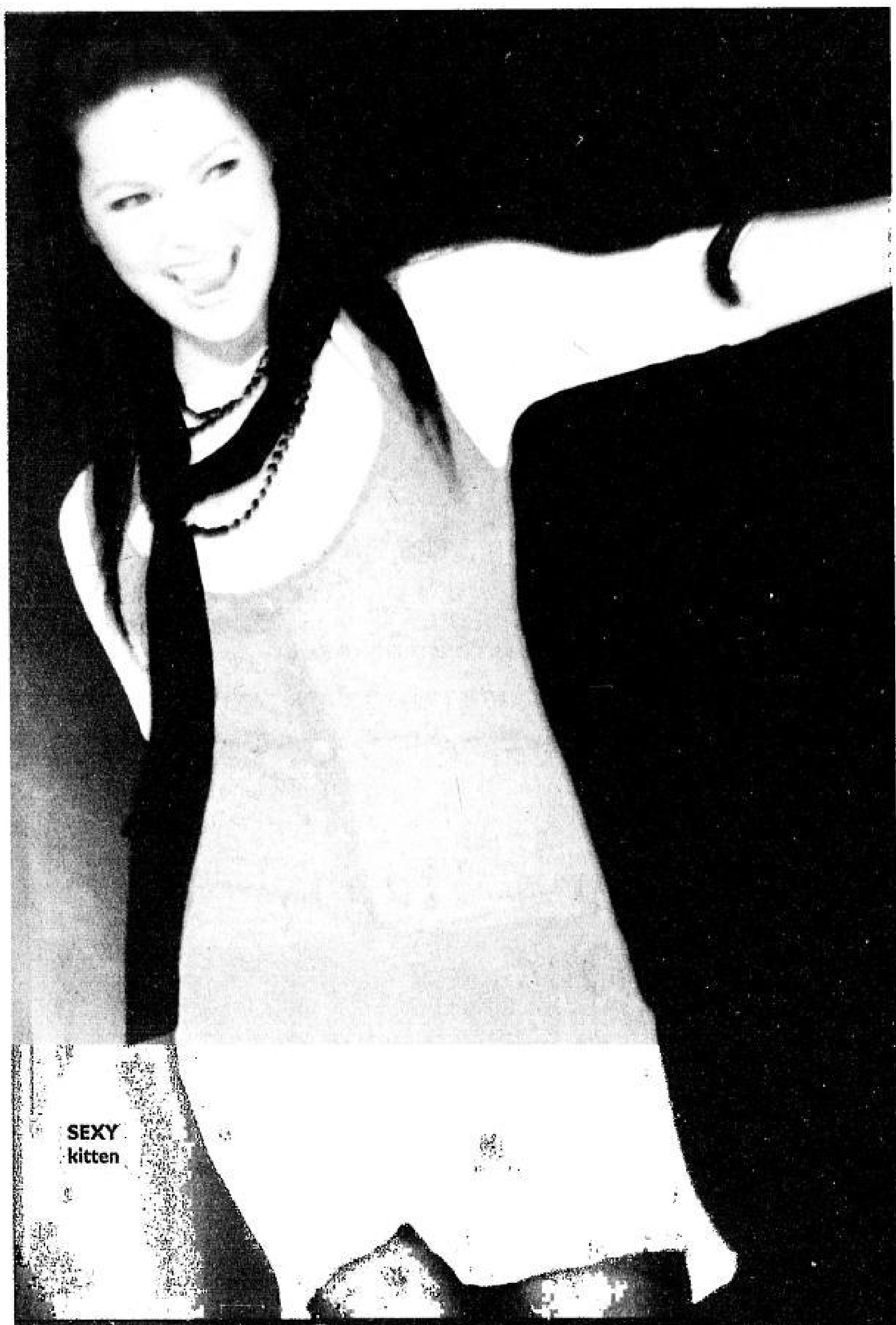

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WAVE to go!

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KC brightens up holiday collection

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From page 11

she is a crowd-drawer. KC exudes grace, beauty and warmth. She is the poster child for style and substance —the piece de resistance of Bayo's holiday collection.

The dynamic brand has gotten a facelift with its fresh new store look, giving clients a global shopping experience. The holiday collection mixed classic and modern pieces, adapted to the changing style preferences of the young women of today.

The forecast: a gamine look that captures the free and feminine spirit of the '60s overlaid with bold, confident colors and details.

Bright tops and bottoms were showcased along with basic grays and navy shades. A lot of layering, statement tees, coveralls, and colorful short shorts and skinny capris were presented for the young.

Trendy tops had bows, pleated and ruffled frills to add whimsy to necklines of blouses. Pleats also updated the collection, creating a softer prettier volume.

Present was proud Megastar mother Sharon Cuneta, Sen. Francis Pangilinan, sisters Frankie and Miel and manager Sandra Chavez. Now that's what we call a Filipino and proud family. *JE*

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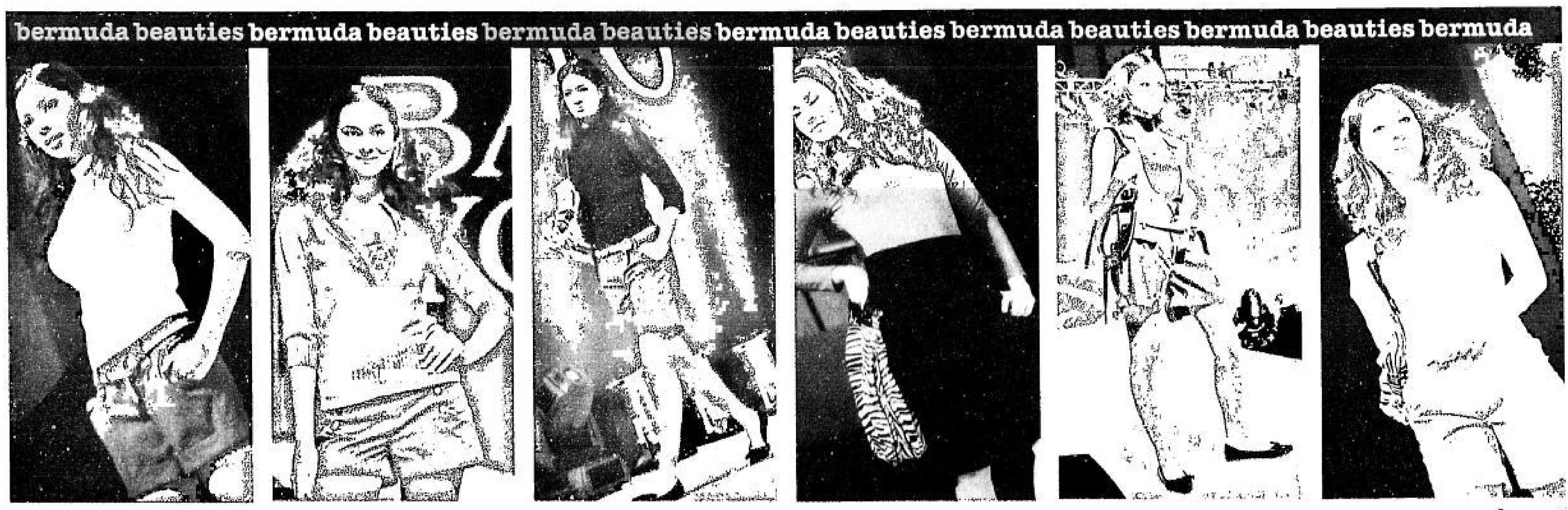

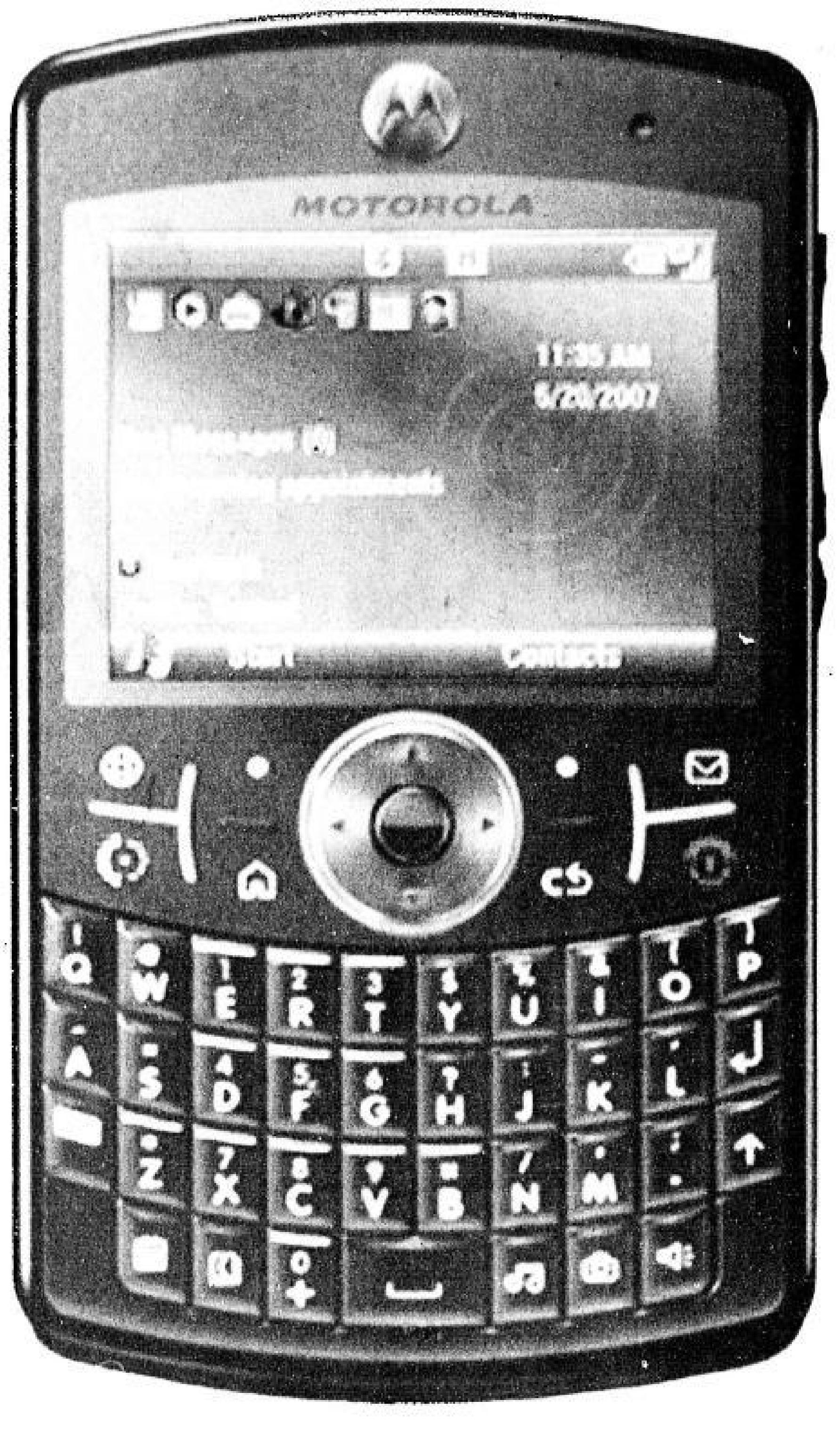

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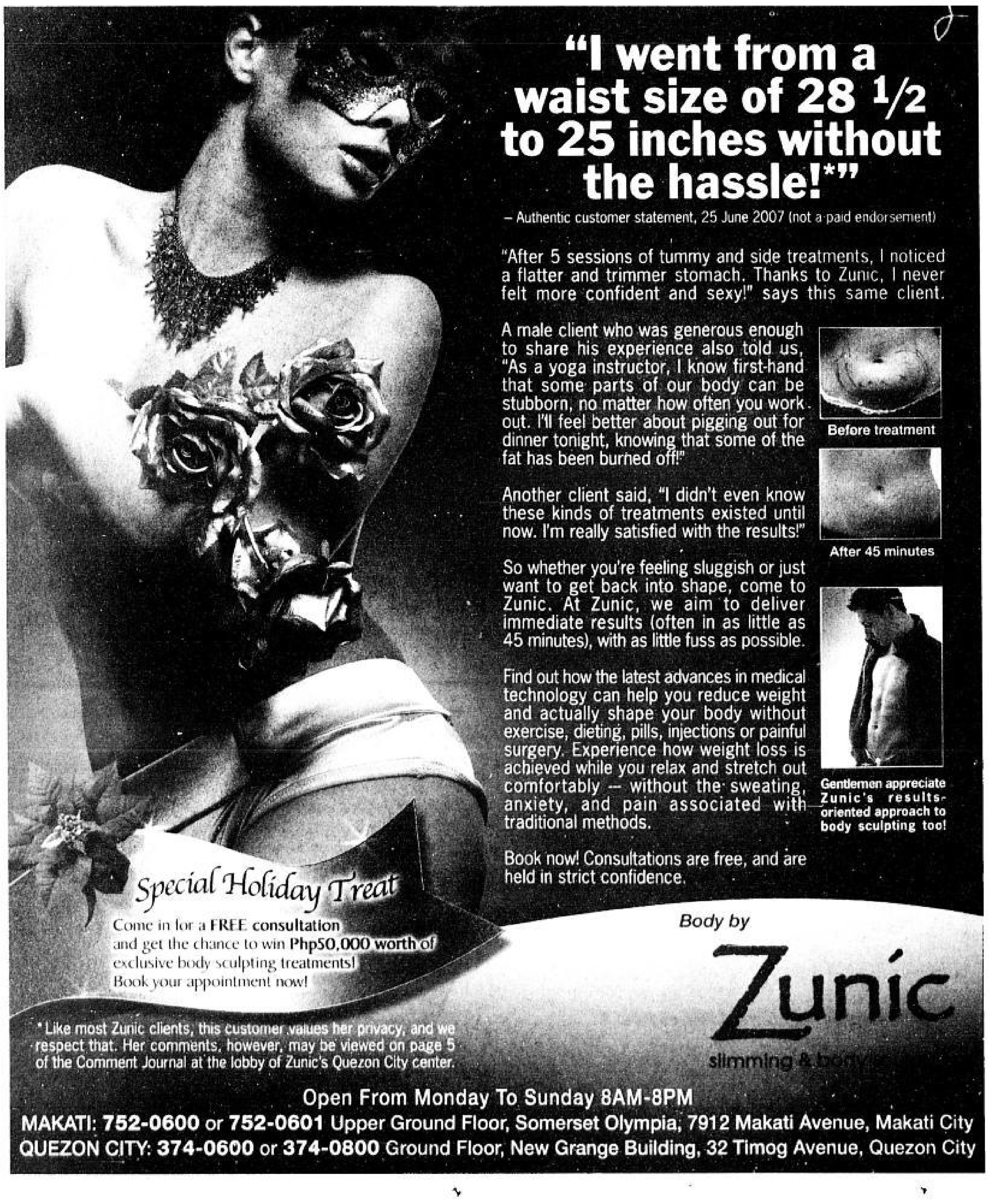

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Mr. Winfred Bartolome (at left, with daughters Justina and Andrea) accepts claim proceeds from Mr. Rey Maclang, Assistant Vice President of Marketing Convergence, Inc. (an affiliate of the SM Group of Companies), and Ms. Josette Pacho, Assistant Vice President of Philam Insurance. This insurance benefit is arranged by SM in partnership with Philam Insurance for eligible SM Advantage members.

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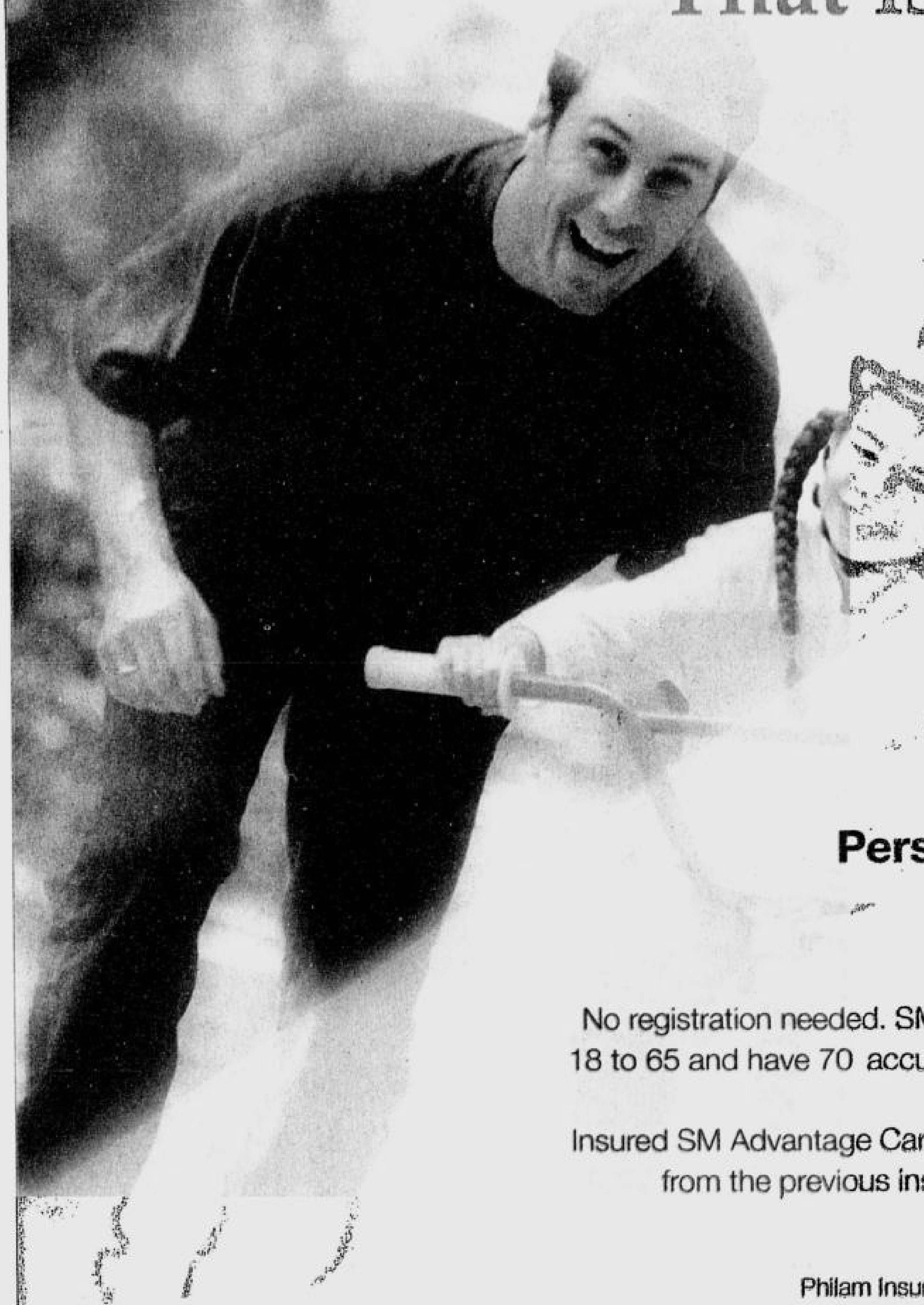

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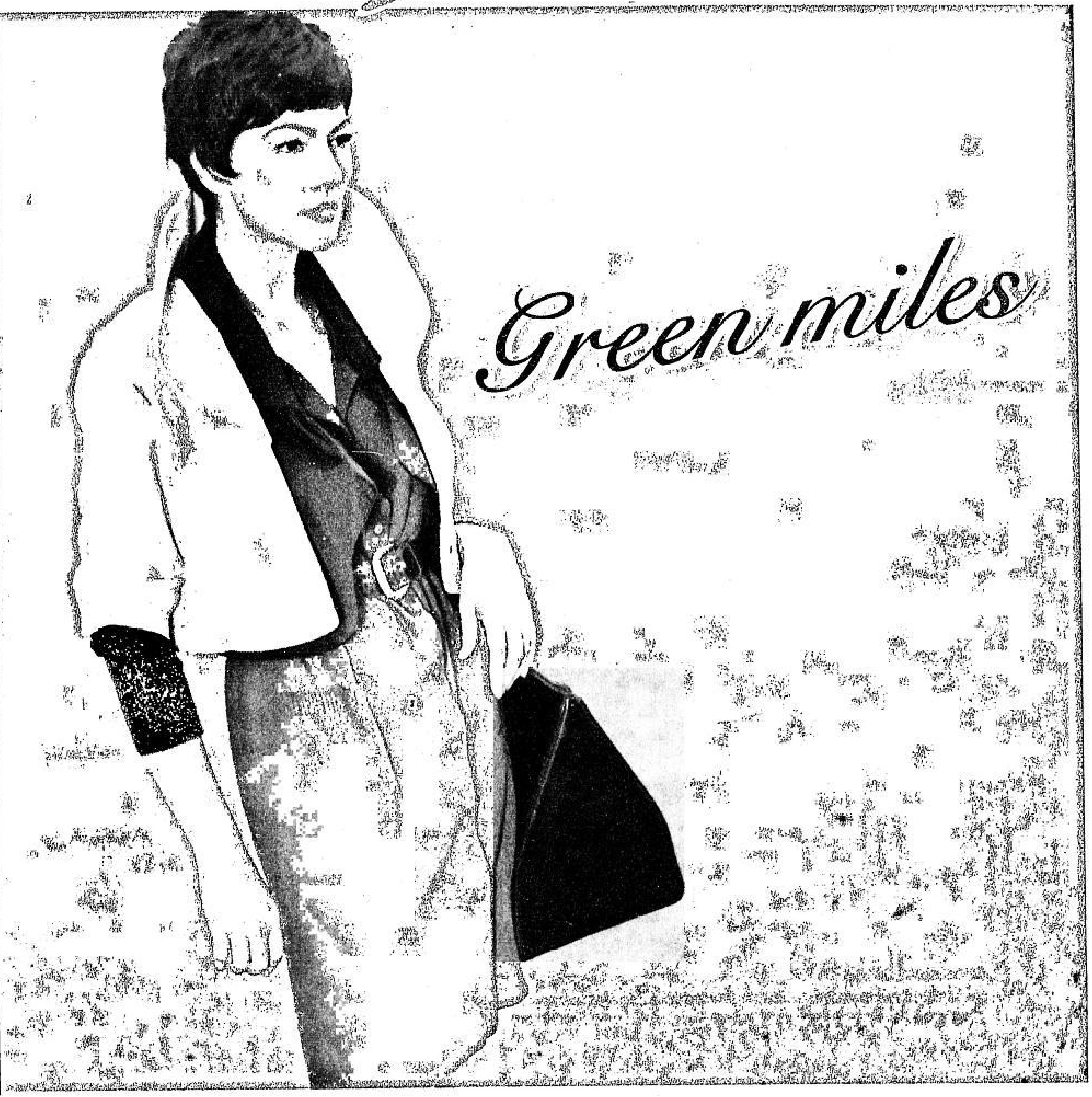

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Fit for first class

CARMINA Villaroel in Ensembles by James Reyes

Ensembles' holiday collection is inspired by the art and romance of travel

By Jenni Epperson

'TIS THE SEASON TO be merry!

The holidays are always the perfect excuse to break out of the day-to-day norm. Whether it's hitting the mall for some last-minute shopping, or skipping town for some yearend reveling, the Christmas spirit is too powerful a force to resist.

It's also the best excuse to unleash those threads you've been storing for the perfect occasion. If there's any "beautiful sight"

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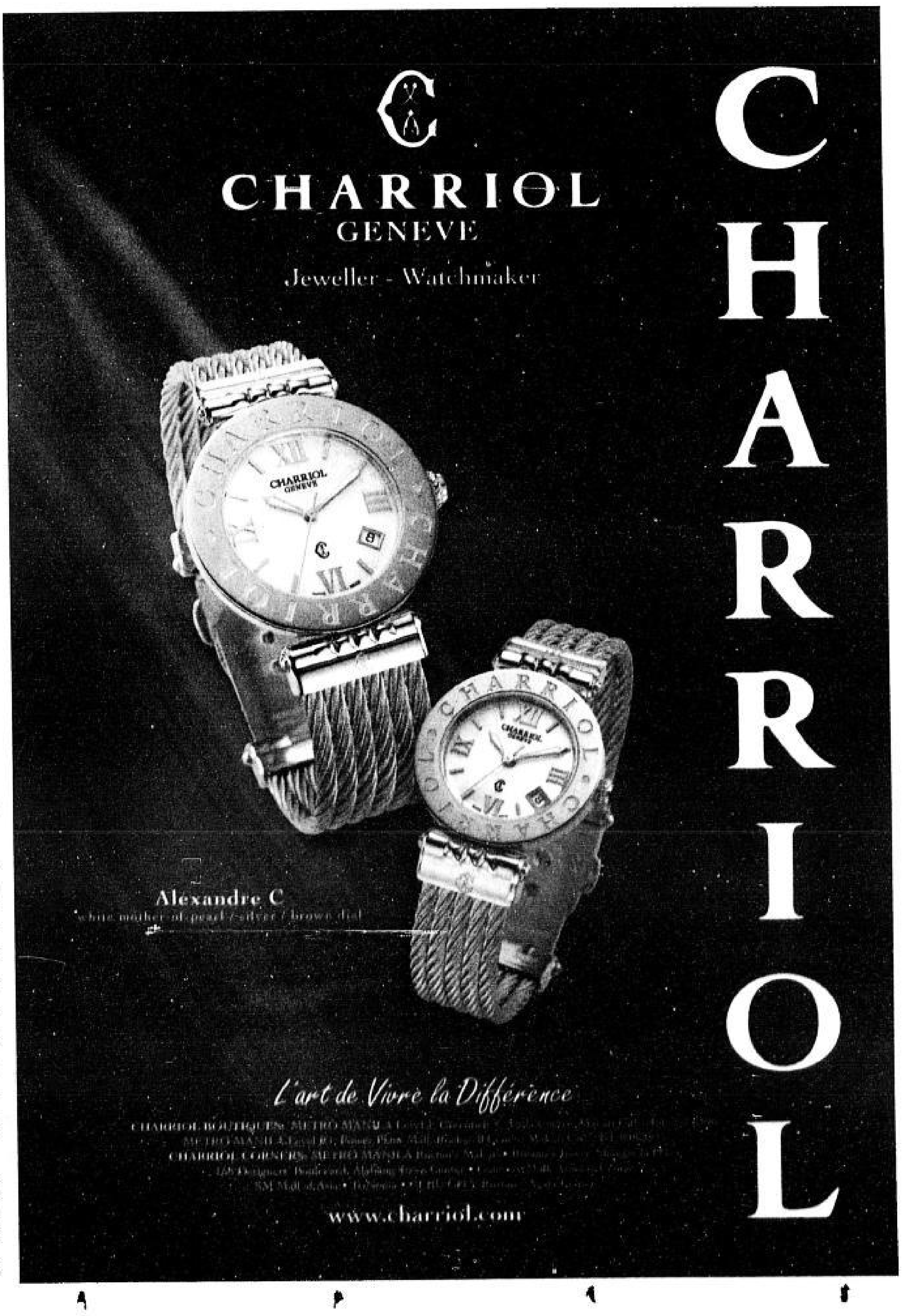
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this season, it should be you!

One stop to check into before you check out is Ensembles. Their holiday collection is inspired by the art and romance of travel. Says James Reyes, "It's about walking around back streets of cosmopolitan cities. Museums, parks and cobblestone streets. It's about getting lost and finding your way.

It's the entire overwhelming feeling of excitement, seduction and power when you walk down unfamiliar roads in foreign cities."

Ensembles' image model, actress Carmina Villaroel, sports a super hip short 'do in showcasing the collection. "What I enjoyed in this photo shoot most was the tran[illegible]n of my looks," she says. "[illegible] so much fun having shor[illegible] The last time I had my hair that short was more than 10 years ago. Her favorite piece from the collection is the mustard trench coat, very chic and stylish.

The key to dressing this season is layering. Lay on the colors, fabric and cuts in creative ways for maximum effect. So whatever part of the world you're in—winter wonderland or summer in suburbia, or even just a landscape in your mind, you're flying fashion first class.

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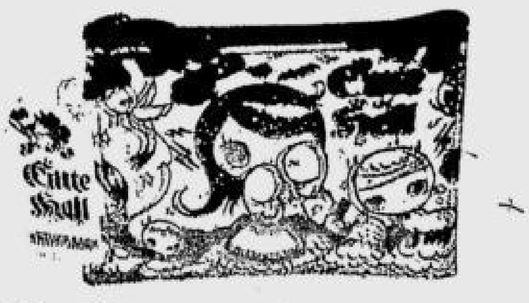

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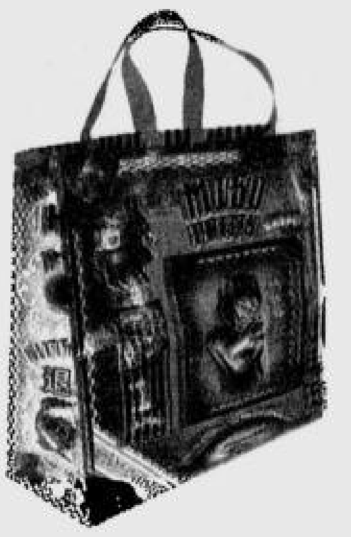

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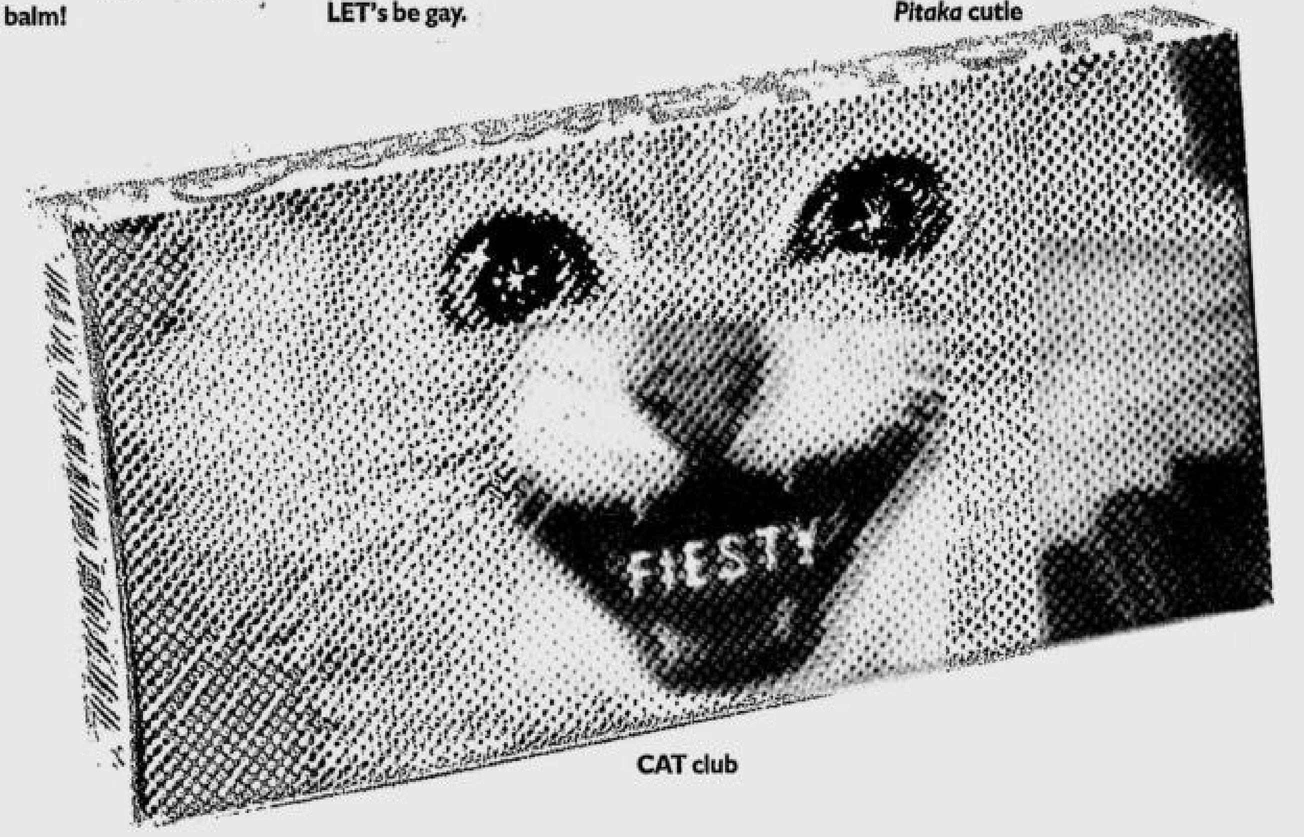

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Jenni Epperson

ONE DAY 18 YEARS AGO, IN A roomy loft in Boston, two lovably quirky brothers created what they called the Flat Cat.

The Flat Cat was a two-dimensional cardboard kitty that was marketed as the "Perfect Pet." The brothers sold millions of Flat Cats, and that's how the Blue Q product line was born.

Blue Q specializes in decorative objects and artful curiosities with a lot of spunk and attitude. Based in Massachusetts, it calls itself the "proud manufacturer of all these life-improving, joy-bringing, mind-altering, universally praised products since 1988." How's that for a sales pitch!

The design gurus behind Blue Q, Mitch and Seth Nash, were the perfect creative twosome to come up with the collectible, kitschy company. Mitch had just sold a successful music merchandising business, and Seth had left his engineering job to become a self-employed "mad scientist."

The company is now based out of a renovated piano factory in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Mitch art-directs all the products, working closely with designers in a creative workspace with a three-foot barbed-wire ball. Seth, on the other hand, is the financial and computer guru.

Their madcap inventions have paid off, with Blue Q company branching out and conquering the gift-giving market with flat pets, stationery, cards, fridge magnets and even soap.

In 1998, Blue Q created a line of toiletries and a personal care line from Australia, both of which maintained its signature distinct look. In 2003, Blue Q also developed chewing gum, and the following year, it began manufacturing car fresheners.

We can now find Blue Q's colorful collectives in Manila at the Chocolate Clothing Company—just perfect for the gift giving season. Look for Blue Q products such as Total Bitch, Boss Lady, Cute as Hell, Miso Pretty, Queen, Wash away your Sings, Get Real, Hot and Flashy, La-La-Land and Plain and Thimble.

Aside from the in-your-face names, these items all come in attractive packaging with off-the-wall slogans. How can you resist a soap that's called "Mental Case," which promises "5 ounces of deluxe therapy"?

The Blue Q brand that has been getting a lot of media face time is the cosmetics line Dirty Girl, what with the endorsements of Courtney Love, Minnie Driver and Chrissie Hynde.

Quirky, kitschy, madcap and utterly irresistible, these gift ideas will make you anything but blue!

Blue Q brands are available in Chocolate Clothing company branches at Rockwell, Shangri-La Mall, Mall of Asia, Podium, Mega Mall, The Block, Robinson's Galleria and Eastwood.

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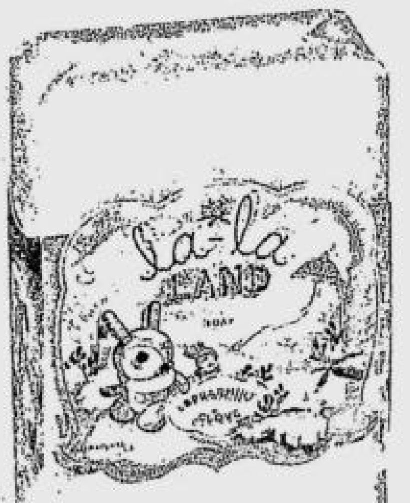

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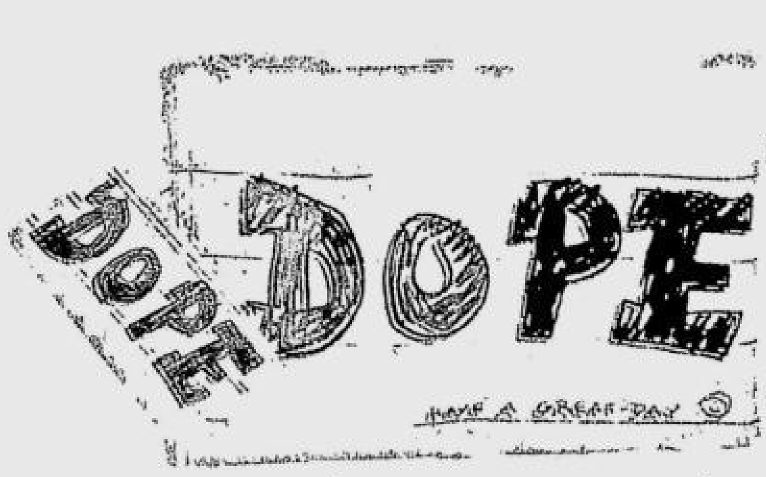
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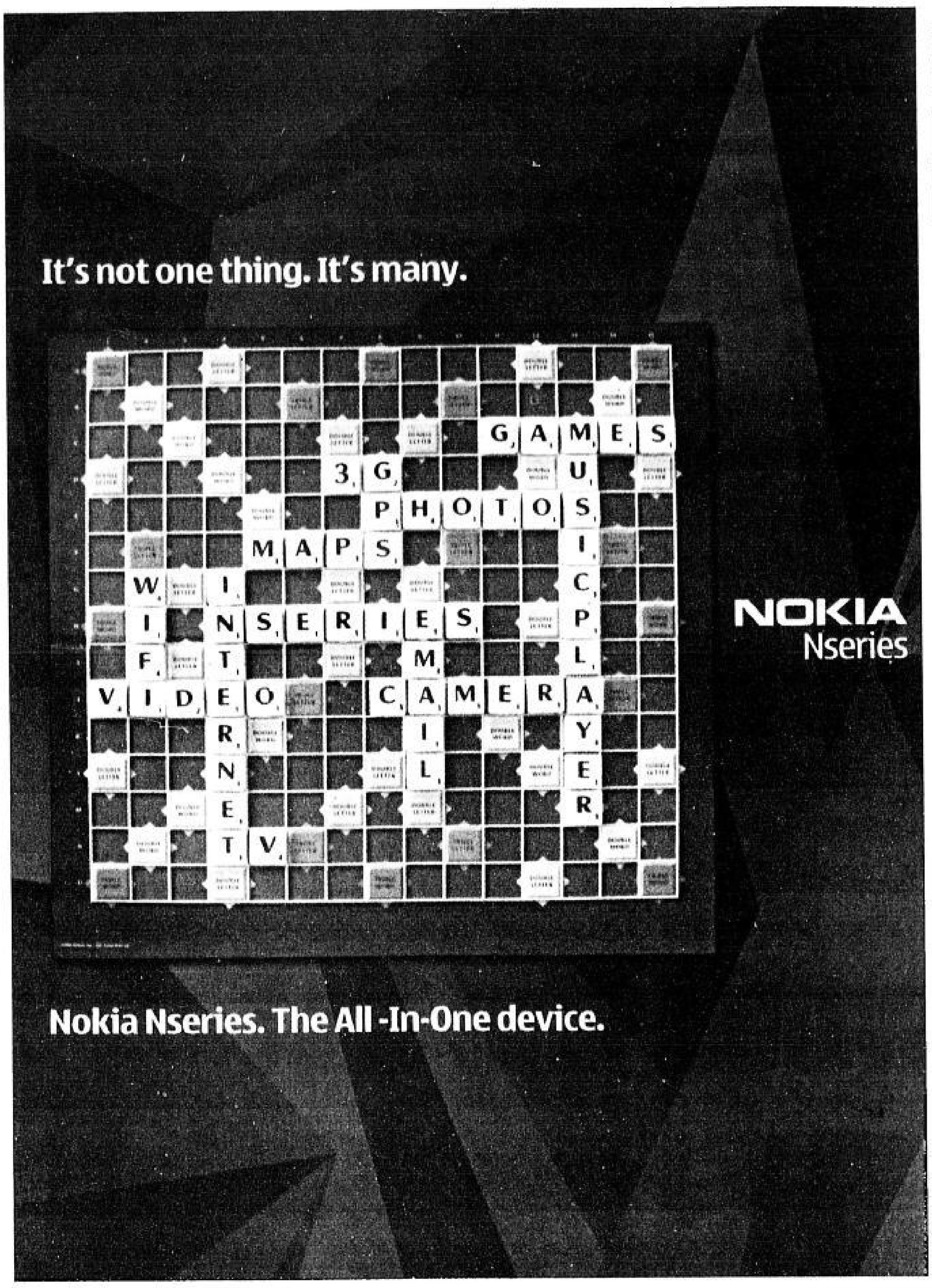
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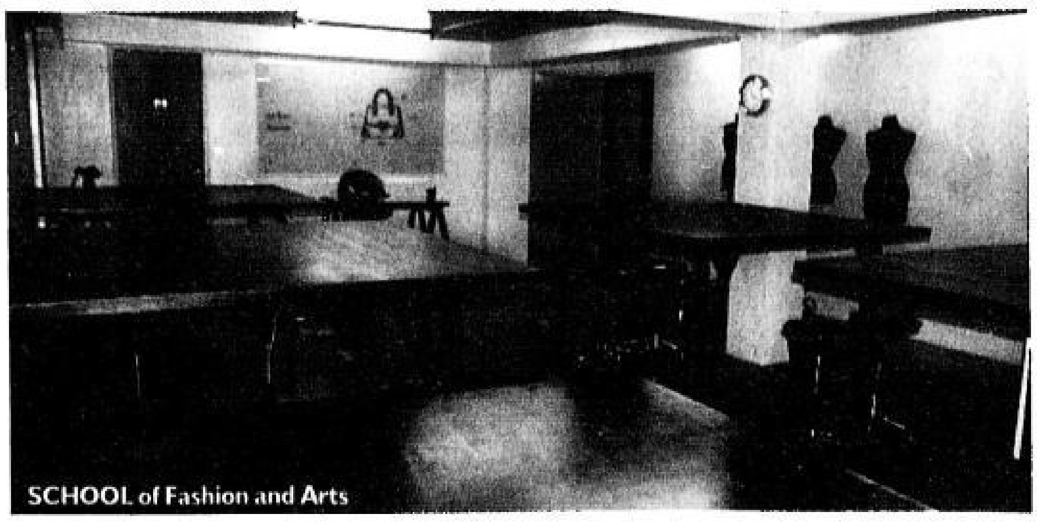

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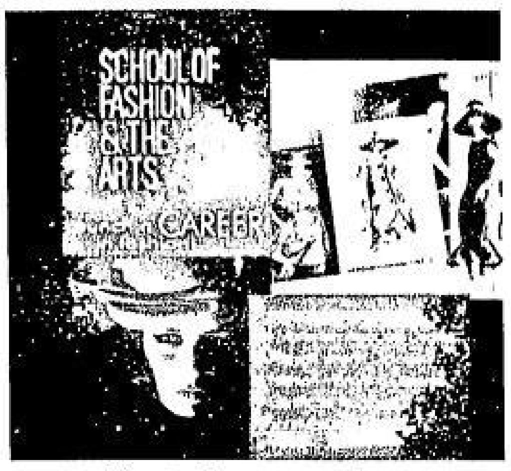

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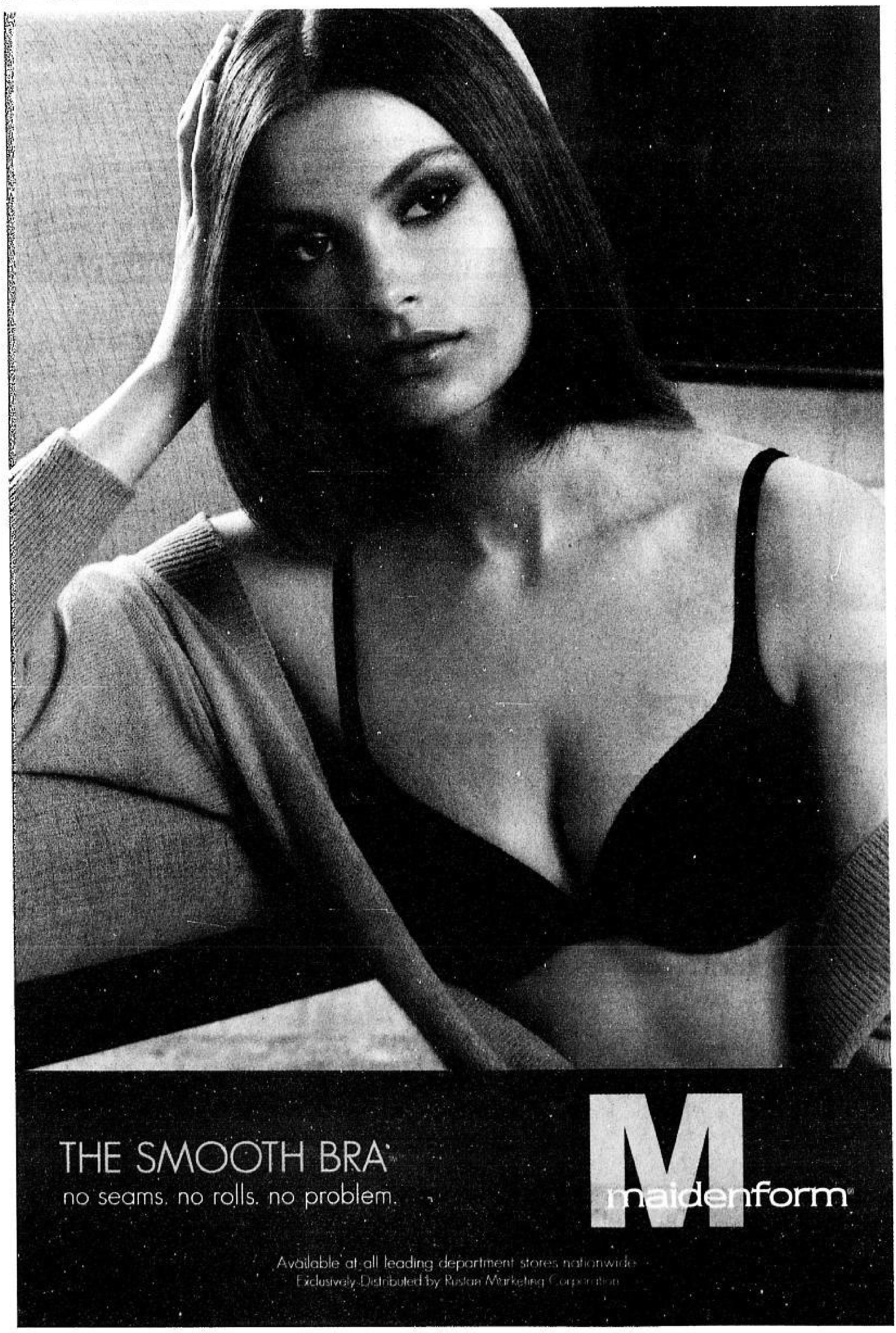
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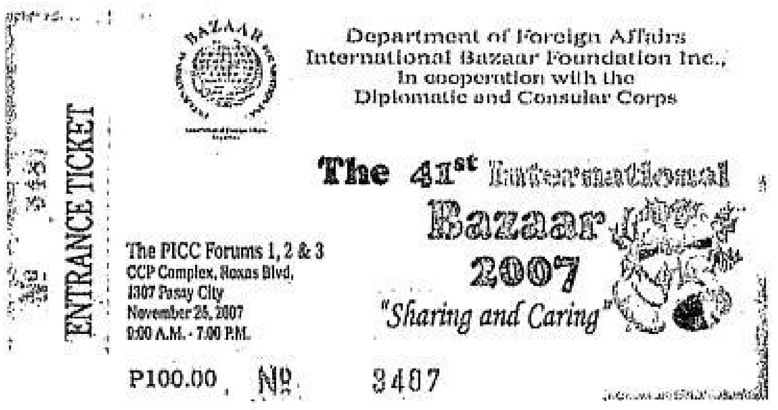

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International bazaar at PICC

TO PROVIDE A GLIMPSE OF what to expect on the day of the 2007 International Bazaar, the International Bazaar Foundation, Inc. recently organized a mini bazaar at the Dasmariñas Village residence of Pining Tambunting.

Guests were delighted at the wide range of products on display from jewelry, table top knickknacks, wines, cheeses, scarves, gourmet food and Belgian lace.

The main bazaar will be held on Nov. 25, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., at the Philippine International Convention Center Forums I-III, CCP Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay.

It will showcase the merchandise of 40 embassies and nine honorary consulates.

Also present are 112 local retailers will showcase gift items, fashion jewelry, apparel, children's clothes, toys and games, Christmas decor, food and beverage, and household items.

Proceeds from this event will support the various projects of the International Bazaar Foundation, Inc.

Entrance and raffle tickets are now available at the National Bookstore Branches in Glorietta, Greenbelt, Ayala Alabang, Rockwell, Market Market, Harrison Plaza, Shangri-La Mall and Katipunan. Call 8343036 or 8343054.

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Reese Witherspoon, legally free

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LOS ANGELES—“THERE ARE days when I feel pretty rotten and on other days, I feel very hopeful about life,” **Reese Witherspoon** admitted at one point in a recent press con.

Looking at the actress—sharp in a sleeveless black sheath, sparkling diamond stud earrings, her “Legally Blonde” hair perfectly brushed into bangs with a ponytail—it was almost hard to imagine her moping and feeling “pretty rotten.”

But Reese, whose divorce from actor **Ryan Phillippe** became final last month, made funny faces when a reporter complimented her on how composed she always seems to be. When she clasped her hands on the table and listened attentively to journalists' questions, Reese did indeed look like the girl who has it all together.

But in this interview, the 2006 Oscar and Golden Globe Best Actress for “Walk the Line” bared how this “has been a challenging year. I have to be honest about it. It has been very difficult…” The Tennessee-raised thespian credited her family and friends for helping her survive the break-up of her marriage. The union, which appeared rock solid in the beginning, produced two children, Ava Elizabeth, 8; and Deacon, 4.

Jake Gyllenhaal, Reese's costar in the political thriller “Rendition,” is rumored to be the new man in her life. There are reports that since her divorce became official, she and Jake are seen more often in public. “We didn't even have one scene together which was unfortunate,” Reese said of the “Brokeback Mountain” actor.

Directed by **Gavin Hood** (whose “Tsotsi” won the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film in 2006), “Rendition” dramatizes the US government's policy of “extraordinary rendition”—abducting foreign nationals considered a threat to national security, detaining and interrogating them in secret overseas prisons.

Reese plays the pregnant wife of an Egyptian-American chemical

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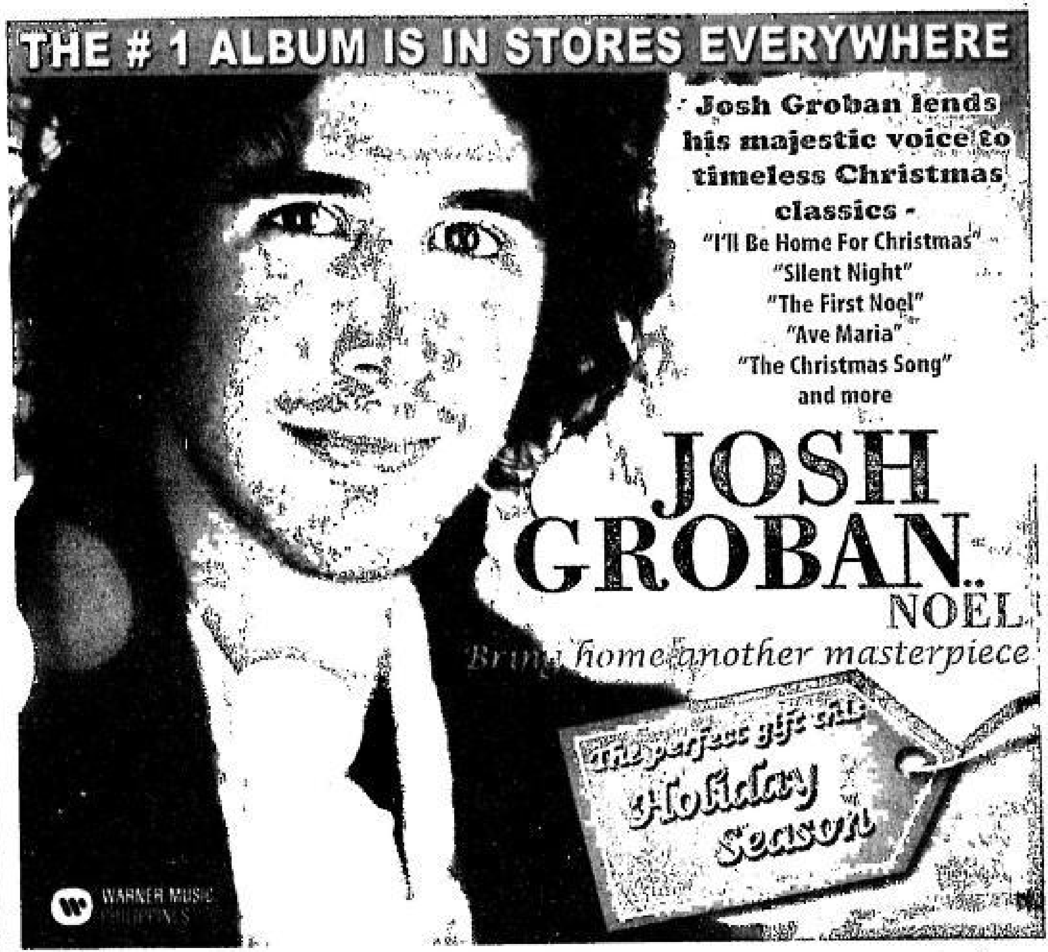

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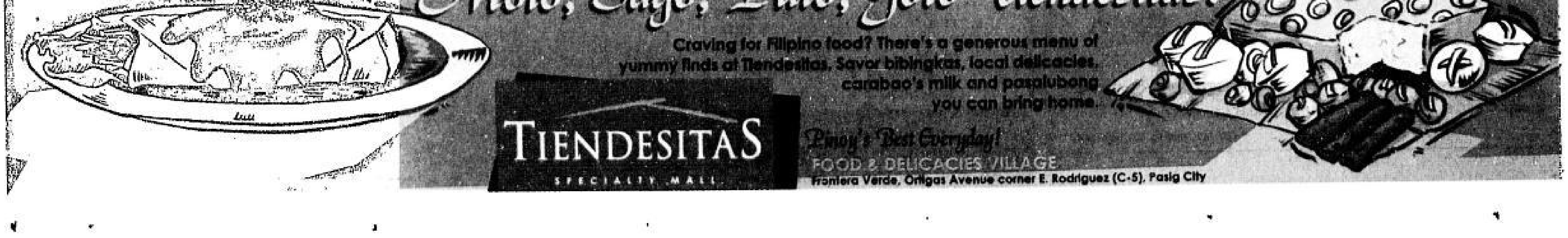

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The actress' asset manager said he was driving Kidman to her parents' home nearly three years ago when they found themselves in a terrifying pursuit in which celebrity photographer Jamie Fawcett was also involved.

"She was fearing for her life and she said someone is going to get killed," John Manning told the court in Sydney, adding that Kidman said: "This has to stop. Call the police."

Manning said he was forced to swerve when Fawcett's jeep drove over a median strip during the chase in January 2005, drawing terrified screams from the red-headed movie star.

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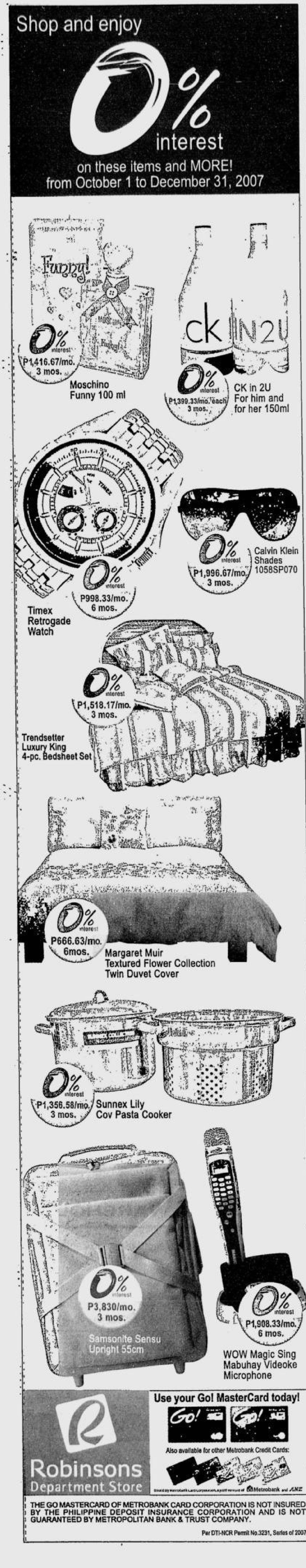

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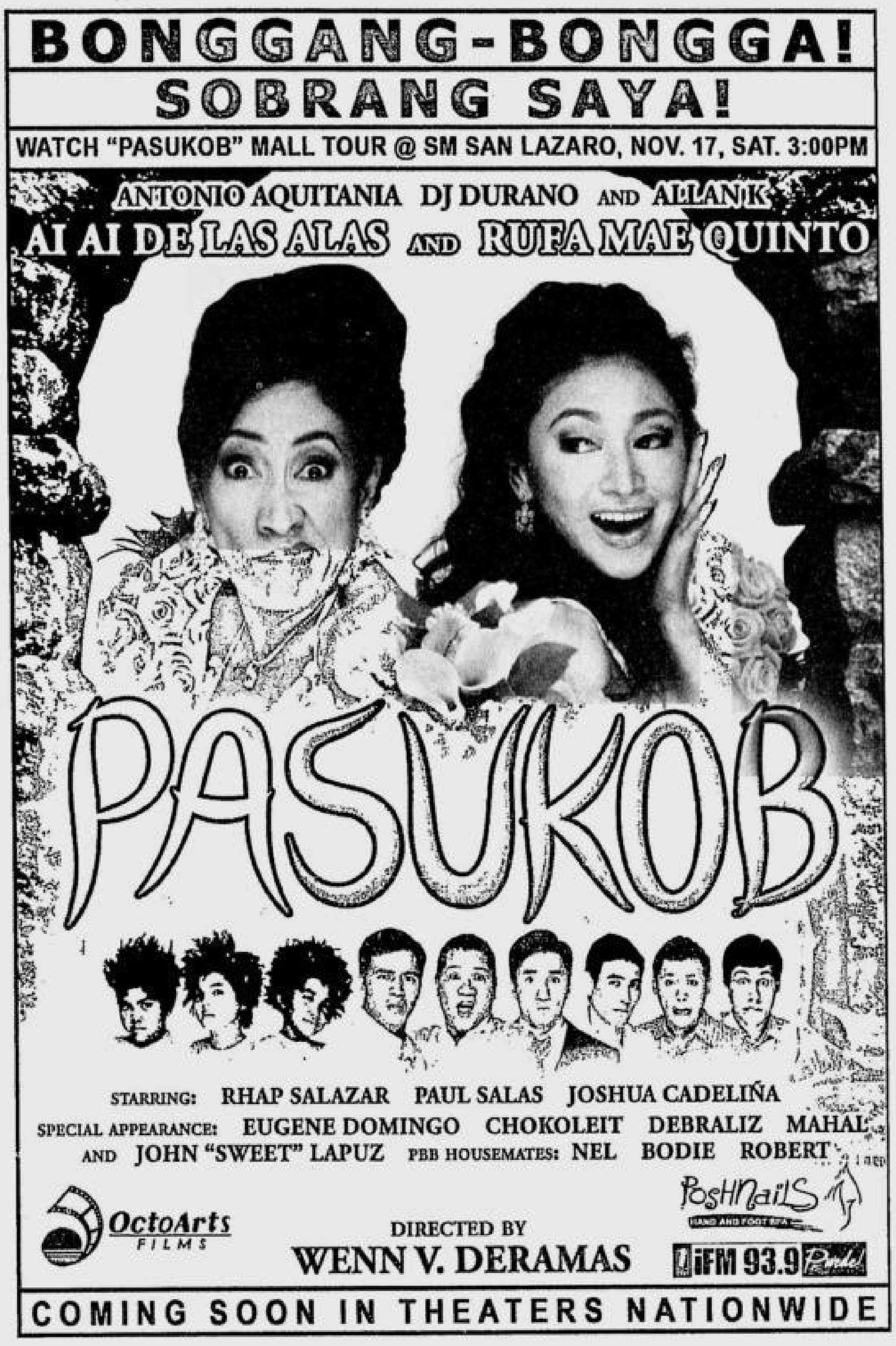

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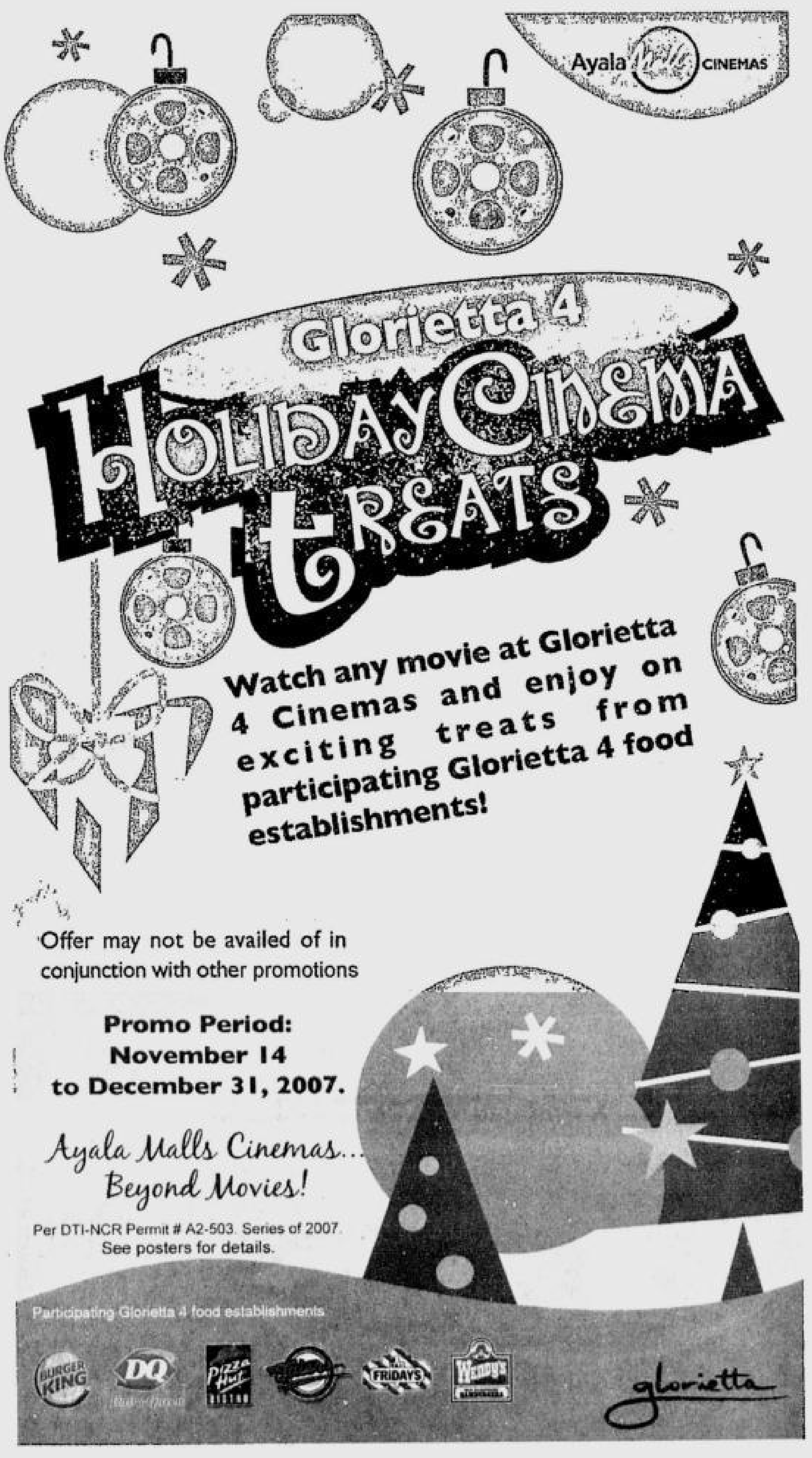

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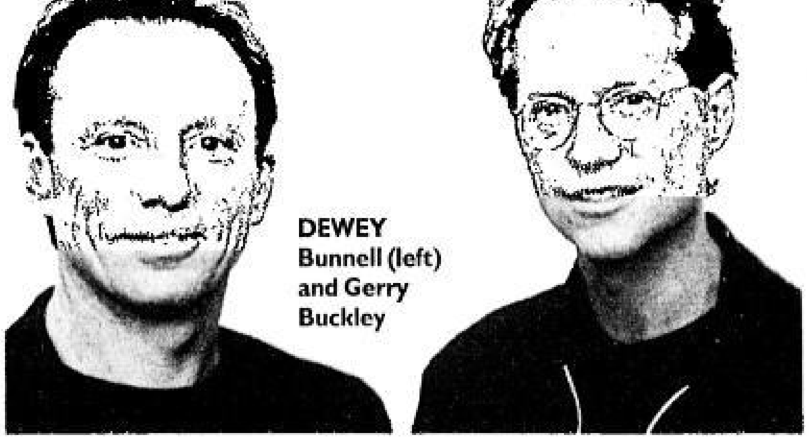


DEWEY Bunnell (left) and Gerry Buckley

THE LAST TIME AMERICA CAME TO TOWN in 1981, Manila was still *jeproks* country.

The sight of freaks trying to catch attention with their stoned antics at the Araneta Coliseum has almost faded from memory, and America's music seems insignificant now after the onslaught of metal, punk and alternative rock.

But the group's surviving members, Gerry Buckley and Dewey Bunnell, have not stopped touring all these years and even recorded a new studio album—produced by a younger generation of musicians apparently out of respect and admiration for America's classic folk-rock sound.

This should make its forthcoming return engagement on Dec. 4 at the Big Dome (once again produced by Renen de Guia) more than a nostalgic sing-along concert—although many fans surely won't mind recalling why America's songs had that affecting, melodic appeal.

James Iha of the Smashing Pumpkins co-produced your new double-album and said "music that was not cool is now considered cool because it's sincere." Why do you think some people thought of America's songs as "uncool" in the past?

Dewey Bunnell (DB): Since "cool" is very hard to define, I can only speculate that some viewed us as inexperienced young guys (17, 18, 19 years old) with not much to say musically at the time... thus "uncool" to some.

Gerry Beckley (GB): Tastes change.

Who were the other bands that influenced your sound?

DB: The Beatles and The Beach Boys.

GB: The Beatles and The Beach Boys, especially Brian Wilson.

America played its first gig at the Roundhouse in London, as opening act for The Who and Elton John, among others. Did you ever get to bond with these artists?

DB: Everything was happening very fast in London then, and it seemed that artists were emerging with new projects and different sounds every day. We became friends with Elton for a time during that period, as well as Cat Stevens, The Faces and other British artists before moving back to the US.

GB: We usually didn't share dressing rooms but I remember the shows as being fantastic experiences.... We've known Elton on and off through the years and he's always been fantastic.

Your debut album, which contained "Horse with No Name" and "Sandman," was a big hit upon its release in 1972. And then you relocated to Los Angeles. Was the move due to a desire to be part of the growing soft-rock scene (The Eagles, Linda Ronstadt) in that area?

GB: Yes.

DB: We were approached by David Geffen and Eliott Roberts of Lookout Management. They were interested in managing the band. We accepted and moved to Los Angeles. It was comfortable to be part of that group of artists and we enjoyed the bond.

George Martin produced many of your albums. How was it working with him and did you ever talk about the Beatles? Incidentally, was the guitar riff in "Sister Golden Hair" really inspired by George Harrison's "My Sweet Lord"?

DB: George was terrific to work with...We talked often with him about working with the Beatles and had the pleasure of meeting the individual members over the years in different situations.

GB: I often think of our band's entire George Martin era as one "highlight." Although each album was a separate project, I think favorably of the whole period..."Sister Golden Hair" was inspired and approached with "My Sweet Lord" in mind, including the slide guitar and 12-string acoustic basic track.

America was active on the road but not so in recording from the late '80s till the '90s. And then the surprise new album this year. How different is it from the previous ones?

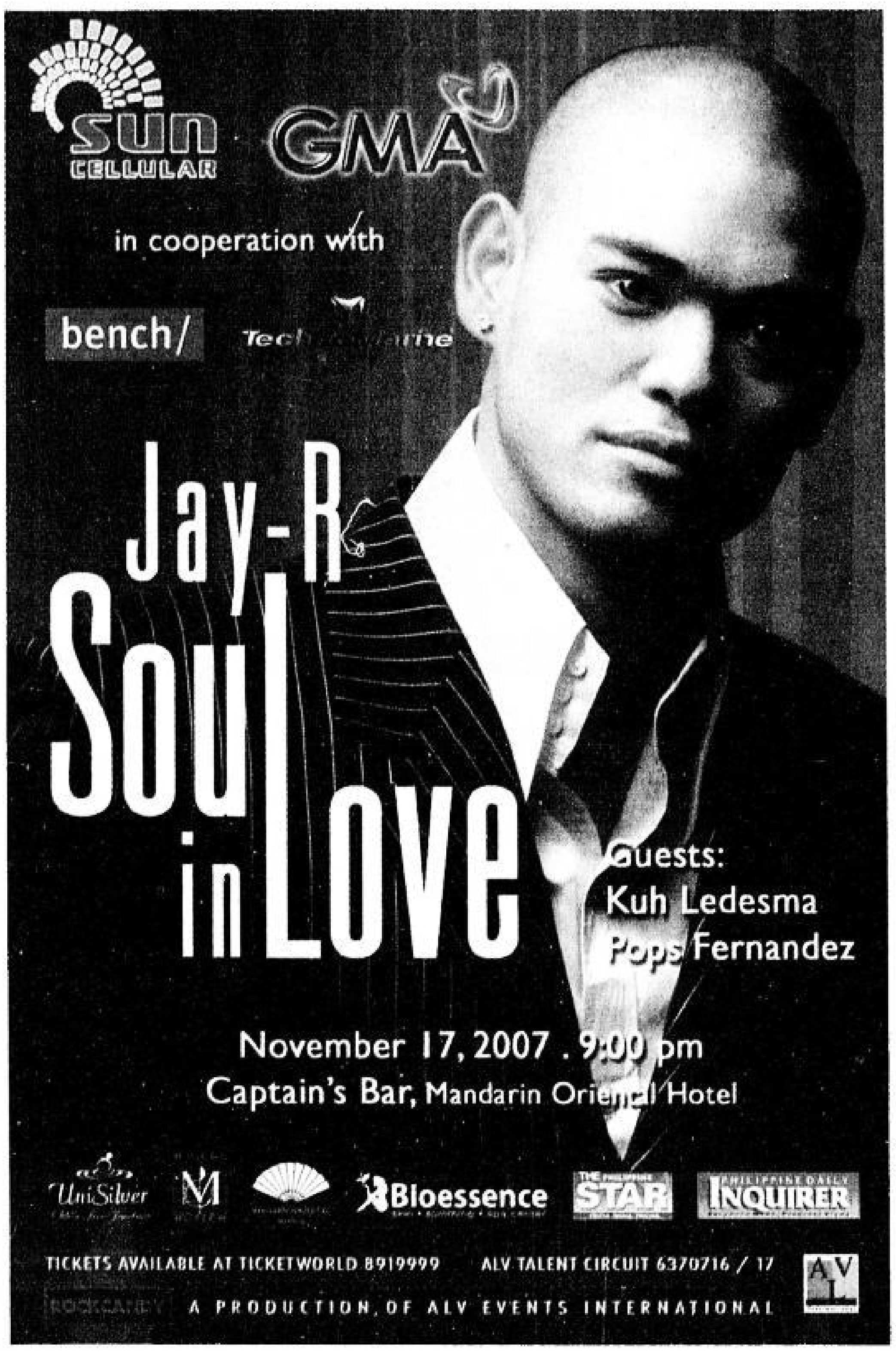
DB: Working in New York with Adam (Schlesinger of the indie-rock group Fountains of Wayne) and James was a different experience from recording mostly in Gerry's home studio. They made the process very comfortable and creative.

GB: I consider this album to be as good or better than some of the classic America albums from the '70s. But I think the sound and approach are very similar.

What were the songs that defined your artistry as a group, and how do you assess the legacy of America as one of the proponents of the '70s soft-rock sound?

DB: We wrote and produced songs that reflected our experience at the time. Being singer/songwriters was our motivation and all those songs... "Tin Man," "I Need You," "Sister Golden Hair," "Ventura Highway," "Horse With No Name," etc. are now part of the cultural fabric of that era.

GB: It's got to be "Horse With No Name" and "Sister Golden Hair," although there are obviously quite a few more that define the sound and history of the group. I hope we are judged not just by one or two singles, but by the body of our work, on record and on the road.



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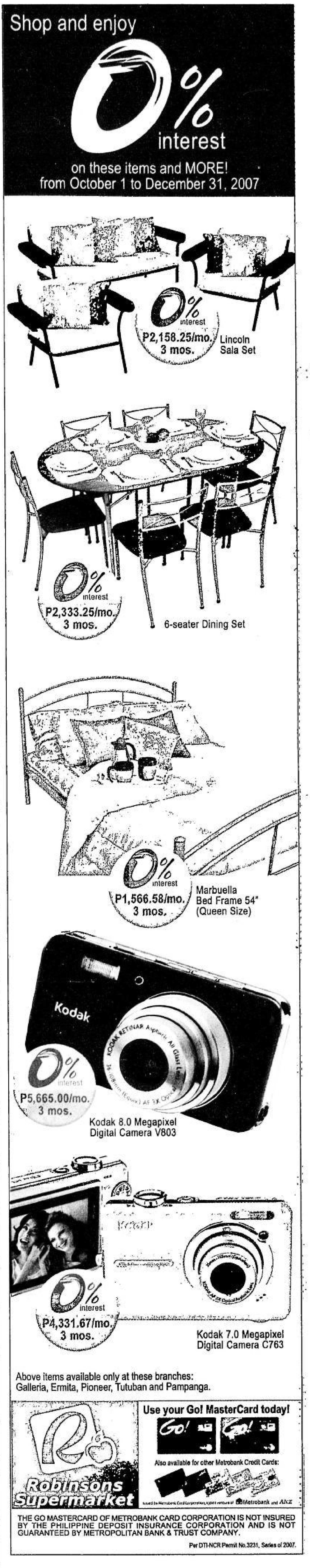

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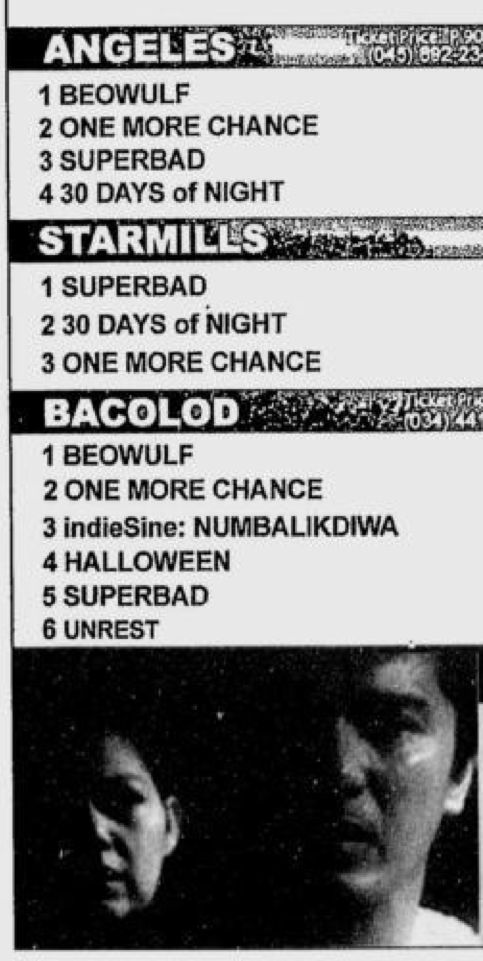

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IN "RENDITION," Reese Witherspoon plays the pregnant wife of an Egyptian-American chemical engineer who becomes a victim of the US government's policy of rendition.

Reese…

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engineer (**Omar Metwally**) who becomes a victim of this rendition policy. Jake portrays a CIA analyst whose boss is essayed by **Meryl Streep**, the agency's anti-terrorism unit head who ordered the rendition of Omar's character. Reese's distraught character seeks the help of a politically connected college friend (**Peter Sarsgaard**) in finding her husband who disappears en route to Washington, DC.

Here are excerpts from our talk with Reese, who left Stanford University after a year to become a full-time actress:

What surprised you the most about Meryl Streep whom you worked with for the first time?

She's just really funny and regular. She's a great lady. She just does her work. She's very focused. She doesn't read the tabloids (laughing), so she didn't really know anything that was going on in my life, which was actually very refreshing.

Were you aware of the US government's policy of rendition and the issues surrounding it before doing this film?

The film was very enlightening for me. I had never really understood that this practice (rendition) went on. To get ready for this film, I read books, went online and talked to some people in the Muslim communities about what's it like to live in the US after 9/11. I was more startled by the fact that this procedure happens here.

I was really moved by one particular case of a man who was detained, interrogated, tortured and then released (without charges). All the man wanted was an apology. He wanted his good name back. I was really moved by that. It's about such basic things as humility and that someone had soiled his name, family and community. He couldn't get that apology.

That man must have felt like facing a brick wall.

That's one of the frustrating things about it. That's what my character deals with. She finally screams at the head of the National Security because of the lack of due process in this procedure. It's a travesty that the government we set up and support with our taxes doesn't function in a way that's appropriate. It's absolutely imperative that we hold our representatives accountable for the decisions that they make. We have to know about them. A lot of people don't know about rendition.

What was it like to work with such a passionate director?

We had a rule about Gavin on the set and that was, he was not allowed to have anything from Starbucks. Friends were like, "Don't let Gavin have anything—if you have to give him, make it decaf (laughter)." Because he has so much energy. It's exciting to work with someone who is passionate about his material.

You seem to have passionate political beliefs of your own. Do you still have political discussions with your parents?

Oh, certainly—all the time. I'm always the person who comes from Los Angeles with all the crazy ideas. I grew up in a very conservative family and society. For me, it was always about challenging the belief systems and the ideas that I grew up with. That's probably why I moved so far away (laughter)—so I can meet people who have beliefs similar to my own.

You did not have scenes with Jake in this film, but what can you tell us about him?

I've actually known him for years through different friends. He's wonderful, very talented, generous and funny—it has been nice this past couple of days to laugh a little bit. He's just great. I look forward to maybe making a film with him which would be great for me.

How is the shared parenting working? How are the kids?

It's going good. My children are well and really healthy. They're getting to that stage where they're saying, "Mom, don't talk about me with other people anymore," which is difficult. My daughter is in second grade. She's doing good—homework, reading lots of books and math. I'm fearful that next year, homework is going to be above my own basic intelligence that I'm going to be studying next to her. But it's an opportunity to reeducate yourself.

What are some of the things you are still struggling with?

It has been a challenging year but I feel really lucky to have friends and family who care about me and check on me every day, who love my children. My brother calls me every day just to see how I'm doing. That's a real stabilizing element in my life.

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Reese . . .

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There are days when I feel pretty rotten and on other days, I feel very hopeful about life. I have to focus on the many good things in life. It's hard to neglect those things. I'm also excited about working. Yeah, I'm glad to be back.

In the film, you kept it together except in the end when you lost it and screamed at that government official. In our press conferences with you, you have always kept it very much together.

You don't want to see me in my personal life.

So what makes you lose it? What makes you go to pieces?

Just having kids make you incredibly vulnerable. If anything happens to my children or if they suffer or if they feel sad, it wrecks me. You have to realize that the most important thing as a mother is just being there, consistent, part of their lives, trying to show them that even out of bad things come really wonderful, positive things.

When you need a shoulder to cry on, who do you go to?

I talk to my mother a lot. She is very helpful to me—she's a wonderful, loving influence in my life. She gives a lot of practical advice.

It is a struggle to keep your identity in Hollywood?

This isn't a life that I ever imagined. I thought I was going to be a doctor. It really helps to know where you're from and remember that. It informs everything I do, certainly every movie choice I make. It's one of those things that no matter where you go, you're still where you are from.

Do you remember your first paycheck and how you spent it?

I was 14 years old. I modeled in the local newspaper's back-to-school fashion section. I remember that I made $75. I was rich (laughter). I was very happy. I went to the mall and I bought a pair of black jeans. I remember that was a big deal because I wasn't allowed to wear black clothes.

Are you good with money?

I'm pretty good with money. I am really thrifty. I grew up in a realty thrifty family. I don't spend a lot of money on things that are frivolous. I have a house. I have two cars. I have a regular life.

What do you like to do with the kids?

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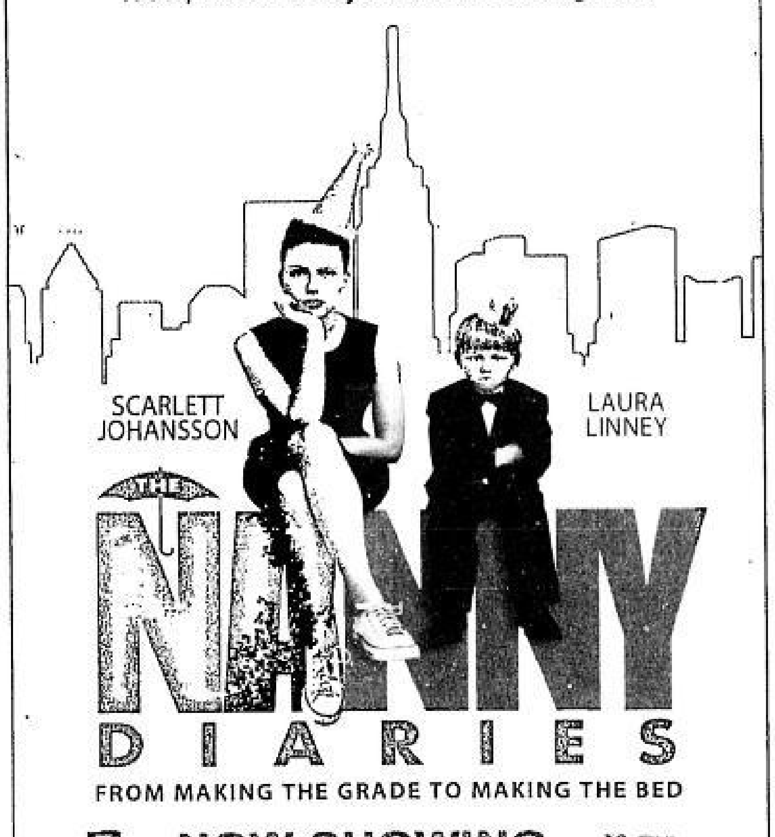

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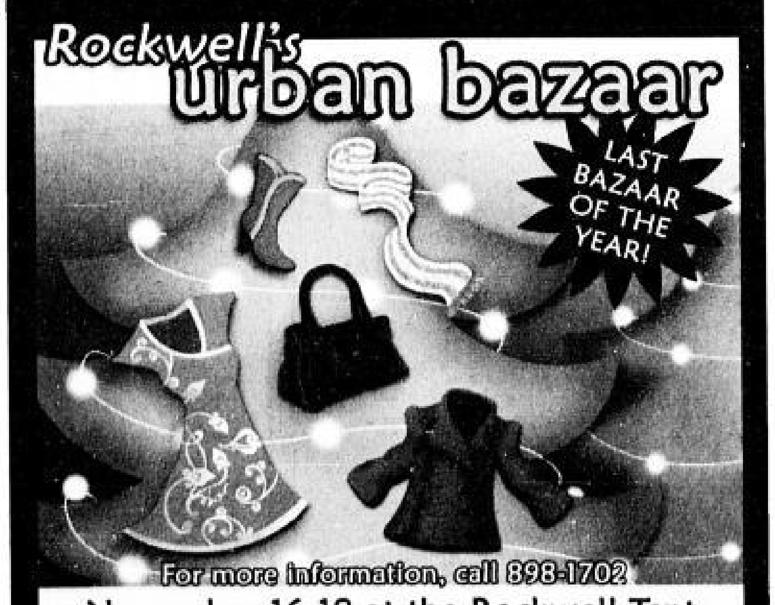

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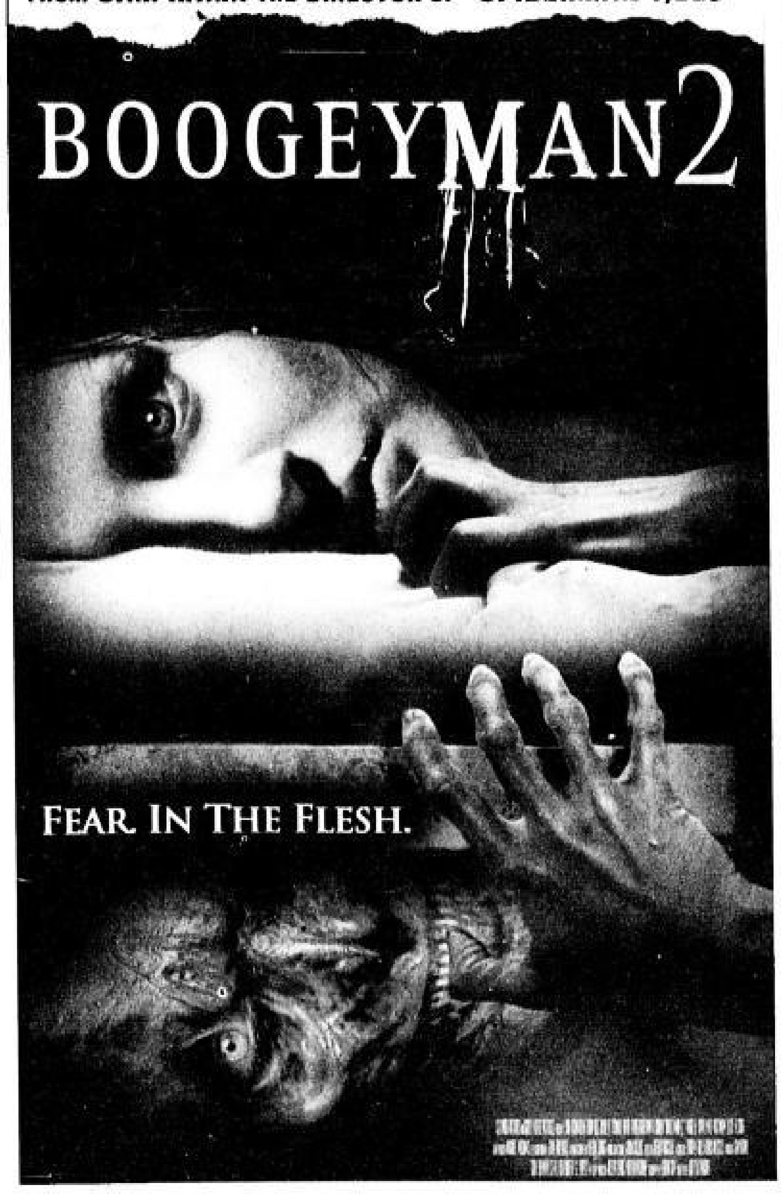

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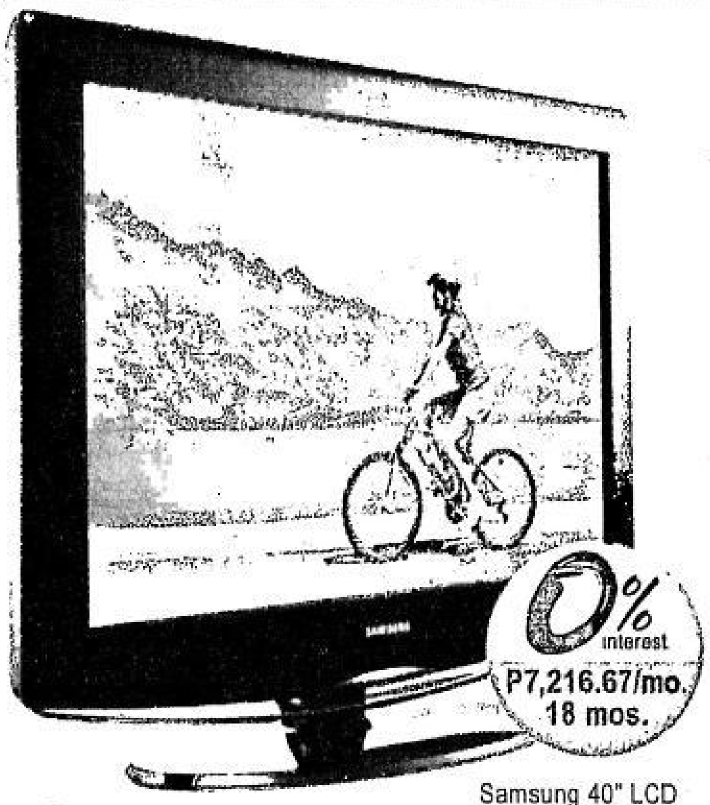

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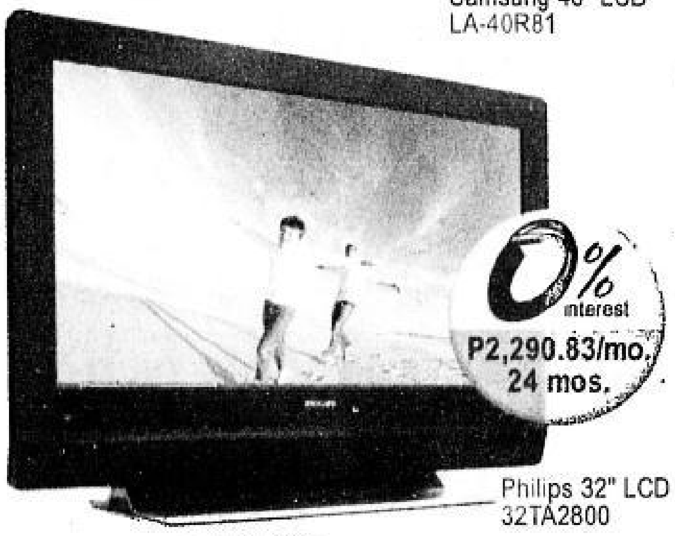

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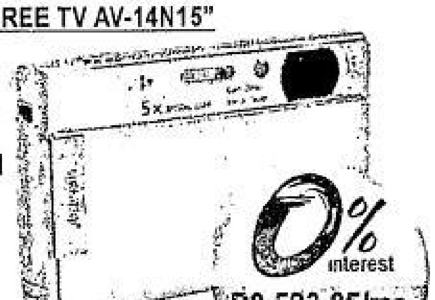

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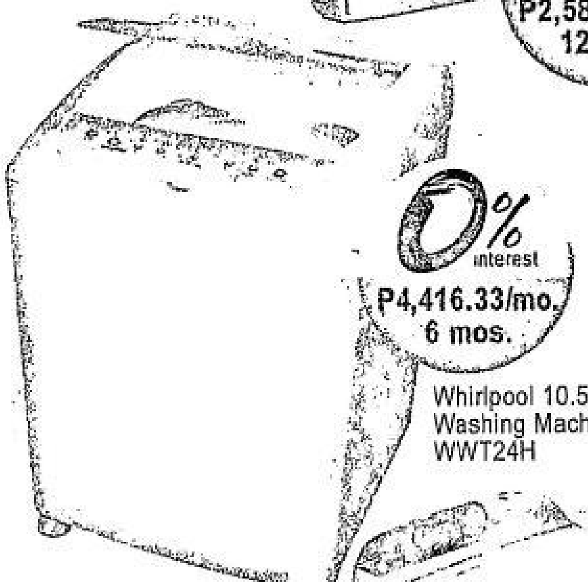

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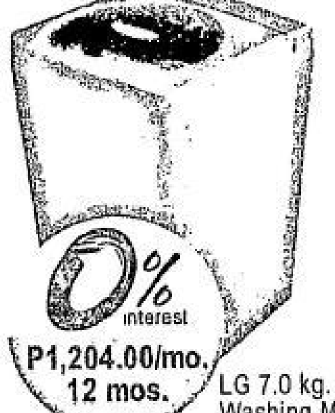

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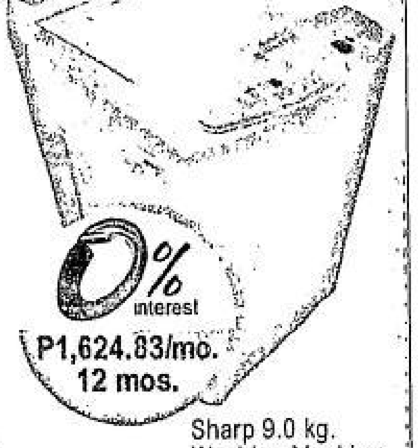

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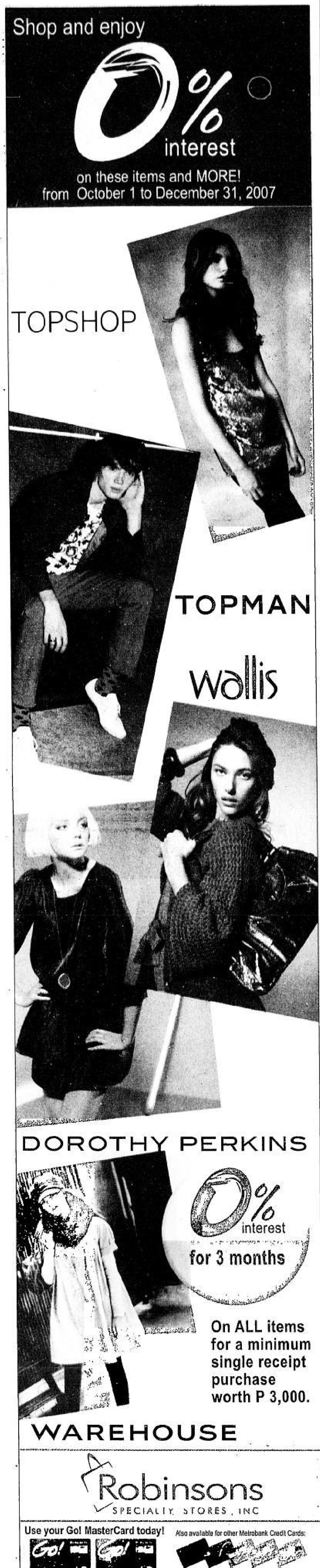

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NONOY Zuñiga

SHOW TIME

An evening with Nonoy

"AN EVENING WITH Dr. Nonoy Zuñiga & Power Joints" goes on stage at the MetroBar, West Ave. Quezon City at 9:30 tonight.

The show, conceived to help enlighten the public on the effectiveness of a health supplement for osteoarthritis, will top-bill Zuñiga, a pop singer-doctor who endorses Power Joints.

Performing with Zuñiga are Juan Rodrigo, Jenine Desiderio with the Lucida voices, Mari Nallos, The Go Girls Dancers and Dr. Perry Tan.

The concert is directed by Dingdong Cabazor, with musical direction by Bobby Gomez and Rolly Limun.

ROUNDUP

'Beowulf' in 3D format

WARNER BROS.' fantasy adventure "Beowulf," the latest film from director Robert Zemeckis, is being shown at the Imax Theater of the SM Mall of Asia entirely in 3D format.

Inspired by the 9th century English epic poem, the film stars led by Ray Winstone, Anthony Hopkins, John Malkovich, Robin Wright Penn, Brendan Gleeson, Crispin Glover, Alison Lohman and Angelina Jolie.

CMMA awardee

DZMM Radyo Patrol Sais Trenta recently bagged three awards at the 2007 Catholic Mass Media Awards (CMMA).

The station won the CMMA for Best News Program ("Radyo Patrol Balita"), Best Drama Program ("Maalaala Mo Kaya sa DZMM") and Best Business Program or Feature for Radio ("Radyo Negosyo").

Invitational screening

The action film "Hitman," starring Timothy Olyphant, will have an invitational screening tomorrow at Gateway Cinema.

Olyphant stars as Agent 47, a mysterious, complex man of profound contradictions bred from the world's deadliest criminals, but raised by an exiled brotherhood of the Church.

The 20th Century Fox movie, which also stars Dougray Scott, Olga Kurylenko, Robert Knepper, Ulrich Thomsen, Henry Ian Cusick and Michael Offei, is distributed by Warner Bros. and opens on Nov. 21.

CHEER FACTOR

NEW YORK—THE QUAID twins have arrived. Dennis Quaid and his wife, Kimberly, welcomed Thomas Boone and Zoe Grace on Thursday in Santa Monica, California, the actor's publicist, Cara Tripicchio, said Monday. The couple are the biological parents of the twins, who were born to a surrogate mother. Thomas weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces; his sister weighed 5 pounds, 9 ounces. Quaid, 53, has a 15-year-old son, Jack Henry, from his marriage to Meg Ryan. *AP*

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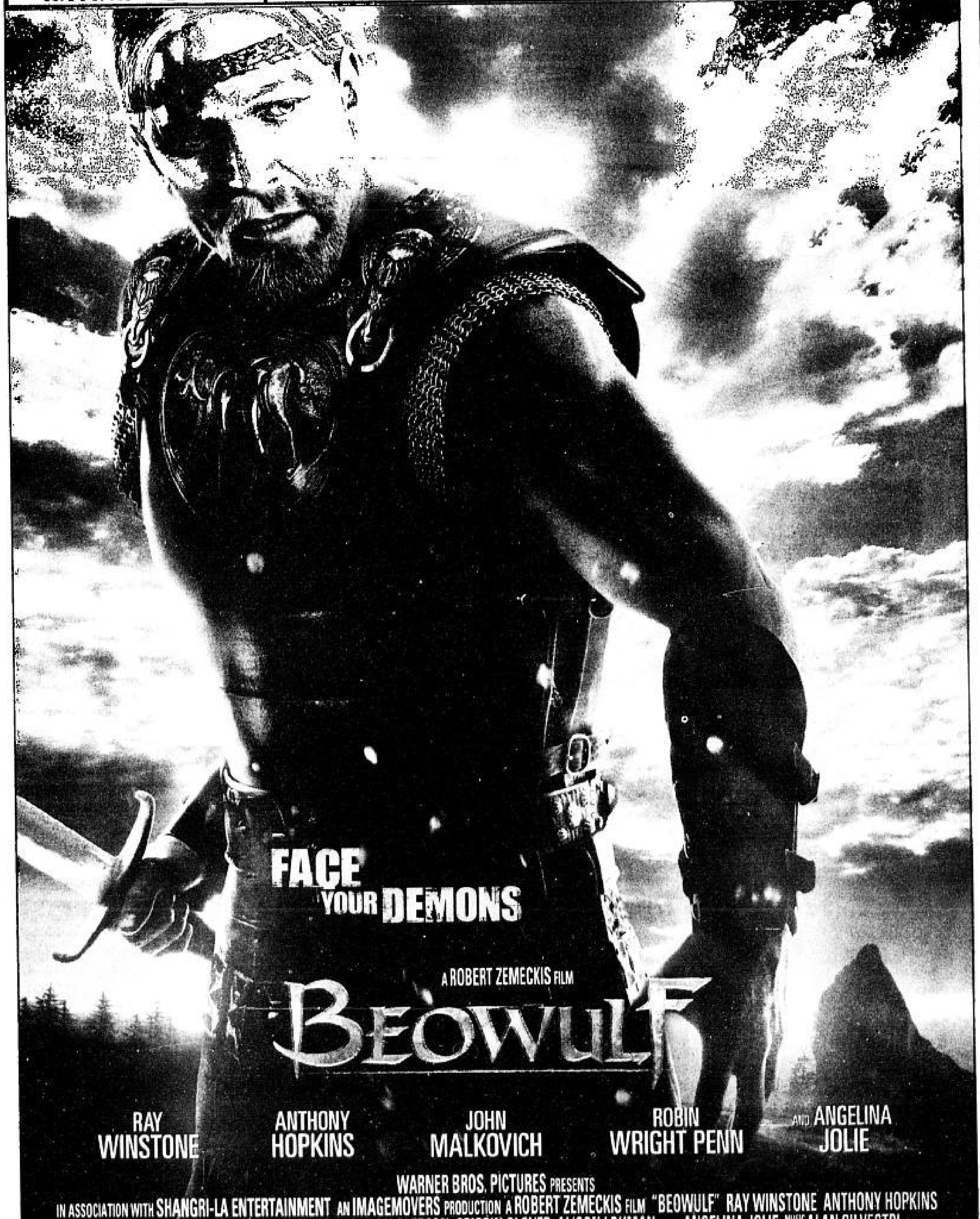

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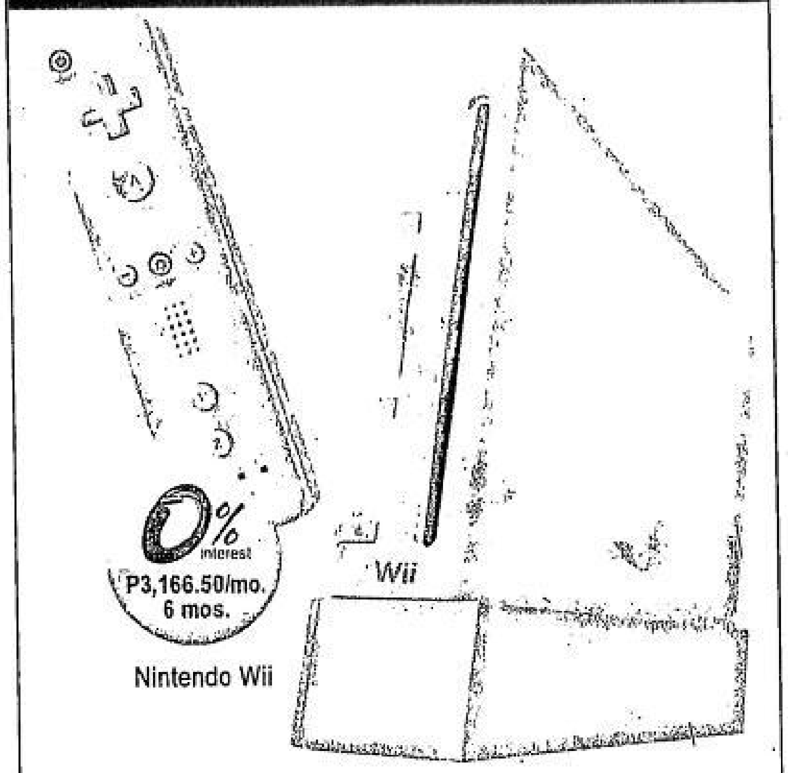

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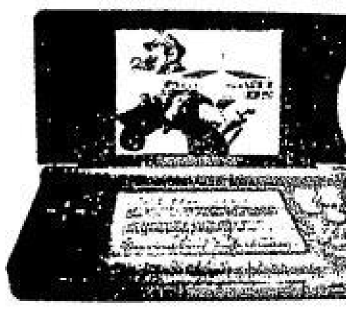

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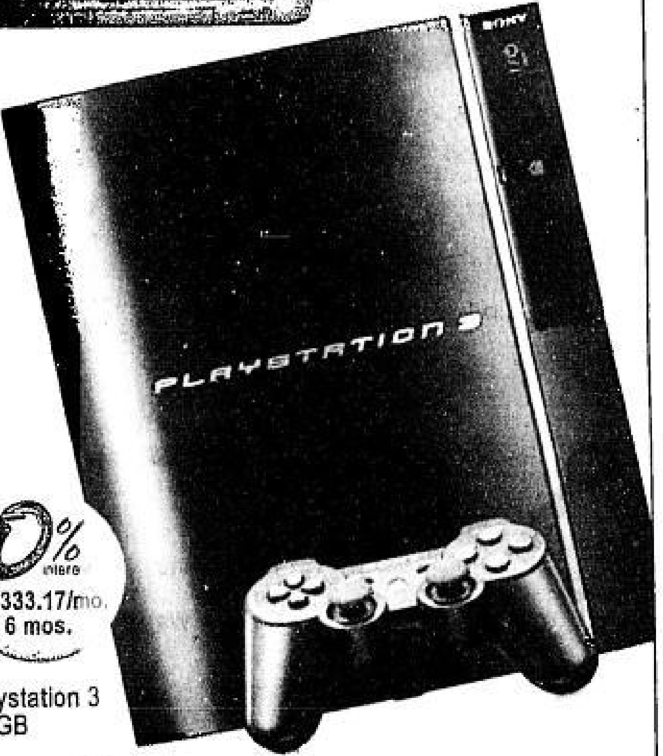

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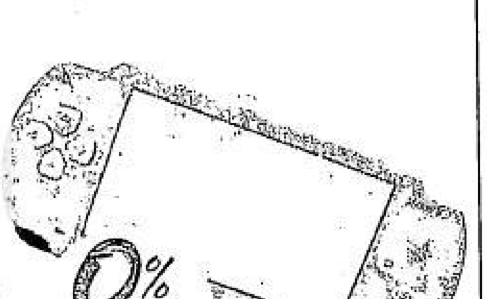

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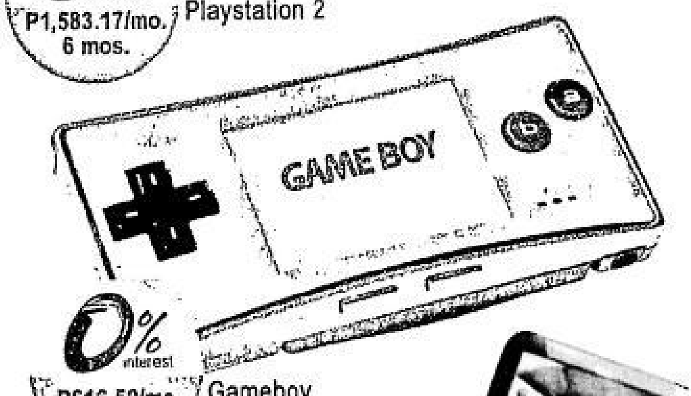

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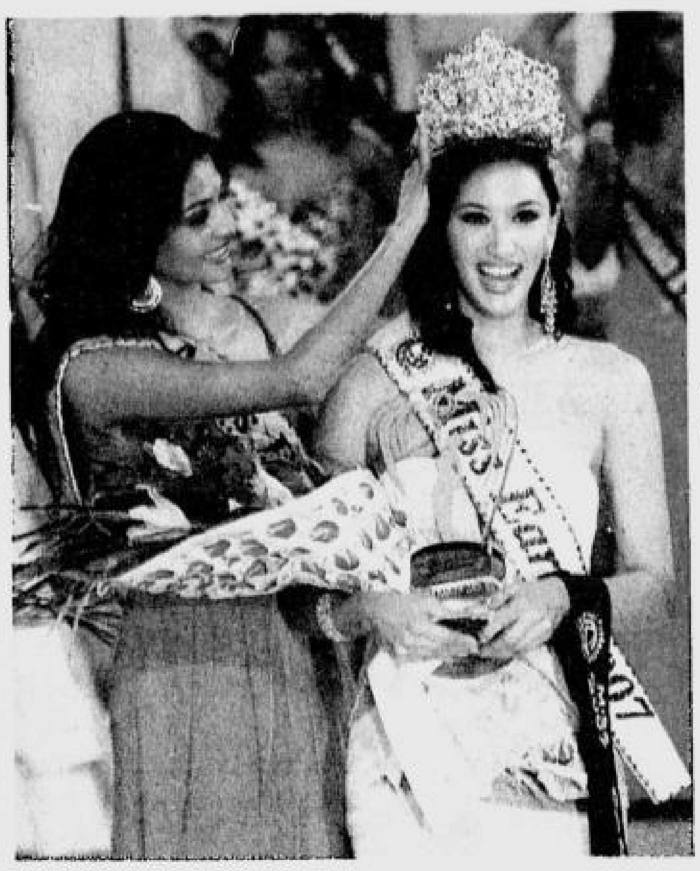


JESSICA Nicole Trisko of Canada is crowned Miss Earth 2007 by Chile's Hil Yesenia Hernandez, Miss Earth 2006.

MISS EARTH 2007
CANADA

THE 5'10" beauty walks in her swimsuit.

Pinay-Canadian upsets top favorites in Miss Earth '07

By Armin Adina
Photos by Raffy Lerma

FILIPINO-CANADIAN JESSICA NICOLE Trisko was crowned Miss Earth in the seventh edition of the environmentally-conscious beauty pageant held Sunday night at the University of the Philippines Theater in Diliman, Quezon City.

Jessica bested 87 other candidates for the $20,000 cash prize. She wowed the audience with her towering 5'10" frame and impressed the judges with her answers.

For the final question, "How will you describe the beauty of mother nature to a blind child?", the 21-year-old political science student quipped: "It is as sweet as the sweetest rose, as soft as the softest leaf, and like the birds singing on top of the trees."

For the first time, the Philippine bet missed the semifinals. Early favorites, considered strong contenders by pageant fans, also failed to make the grade.

Hometown girl Jeanne Harn, a seasoned model blessed with flawless complexion, a gorgeous face, killer curves, graceful gait and outstanding communication skills, bagged only the Miss Photogenic award.

Others who failed to make it to the circle of finalists were blonde bombshell Galyna Andreeva of Ukraine, Catherine Zeta-Jones dead ringer Barbara Tatara of Poland, Korean charmer Yoo Jee Eun, Brazil's Patricia Andrade (who is likened to compatriot 2004 Miss Earth Priscilla Meirelles), Miss Universe veteran Leilah Pandy of Belize and Mexico's Maria Fernanda Canovas.

There were also expectations that Vietnam's Truong Truc Diem would crack the semis, not only because her country cohosted the pageant, but also because she was stunning.

India made a back-to-back Miss Earth-Air finish with Pooja Chitgopeker this year, while Best in Swimsuit and Best in Long Gown Silvana Santaella of Venezuela was proclaimed Miss Earth-Water. The Venezuelan model was winner of the Miss Italia nel Mondo pageant several years back.

Spain's Andrea Gomez finished fourth as Miss Earth-Fire. Semifinalist Bokang Montjane of South Africa received the coveted Beauty for a Cause award.

The Miss Earth pageant, conceived in the Philippines and lauded for its groundbreaking environmental platform, continued to attract top-caliber candidates this year.

But the production itself left much to be desired.

The coronation night lasted almost four hours, weighed down by drab choreography and stretched segments. The actual show wrapped up around 12:30 a.m. while the delayed telecast on ABS-CBN ended past 1 a.m.

The candidates also had difficulty navigating the stairs, which dominated the shoddy stage. Inconsistent and nauseating camera shots lent an amateurish impression on the show.

MTV VJ Utt from Thailand was visually appealing as host, but his spiels were peppered with sexist remarks.

During the semifinal swimsuit round, his comment on the candidates' swaying hips sounded a bit crass. He also urged Miss India to kiss him after the announcement of the Top 4.

Still, the Miss Earth pageant's quick rise in popularity is commendable. The candidates' quality continues to improve and its advocacy is worth emulating.

Reese...

From page K5

in my own life.

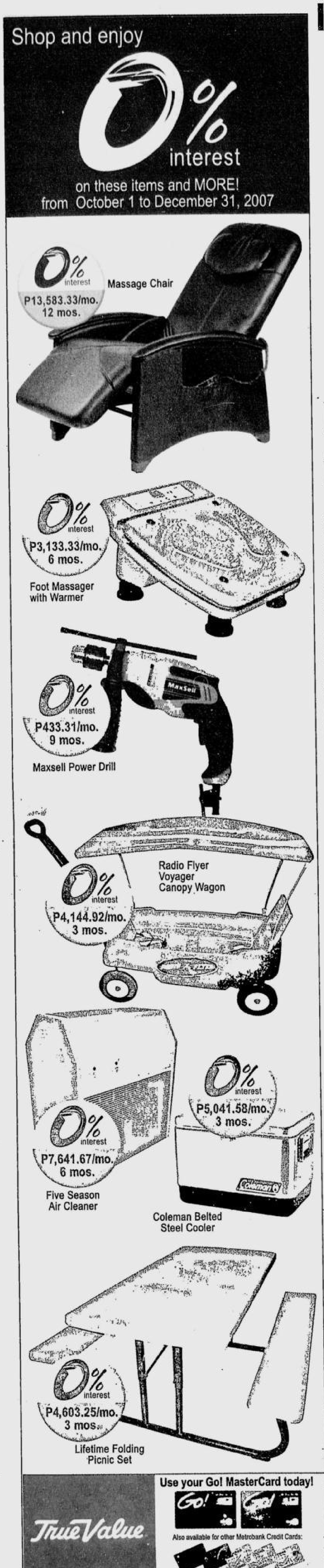
Can you share with us the flaws of Reese Witherspoon?

A, annoying. B, belligerent. Certainly, I have a lot of flaws. Just ask my friends. I ruminate a lot, too. That's difficult. Sometimes that can be counterproductive. So when I do that, I just put on my running shoes and run instead. That helps a lot.

Tell us about "Penelope" which you coproduced.

It's a wonderful movie about a young woman (Christina Ricci) who is born with the face of a pig. In order to get rid of it, she has to fall in love with a man and make him love her. It's a wonderful fable, a fairy tale-type movie that has a message about self-love and learning to appreciate yourself. I was really happy to be part of the producing team. In the film, I play Christina's best friend who's a fast-talking, funny, motorcycle-driving delivery girl and who likes to drink. It was fun for me.

E-mail the columnist at rvnepales_5585@yahoo.com and read his blog, "The Nepales Report," on www.inquirerbloggers.net/nepalesreport.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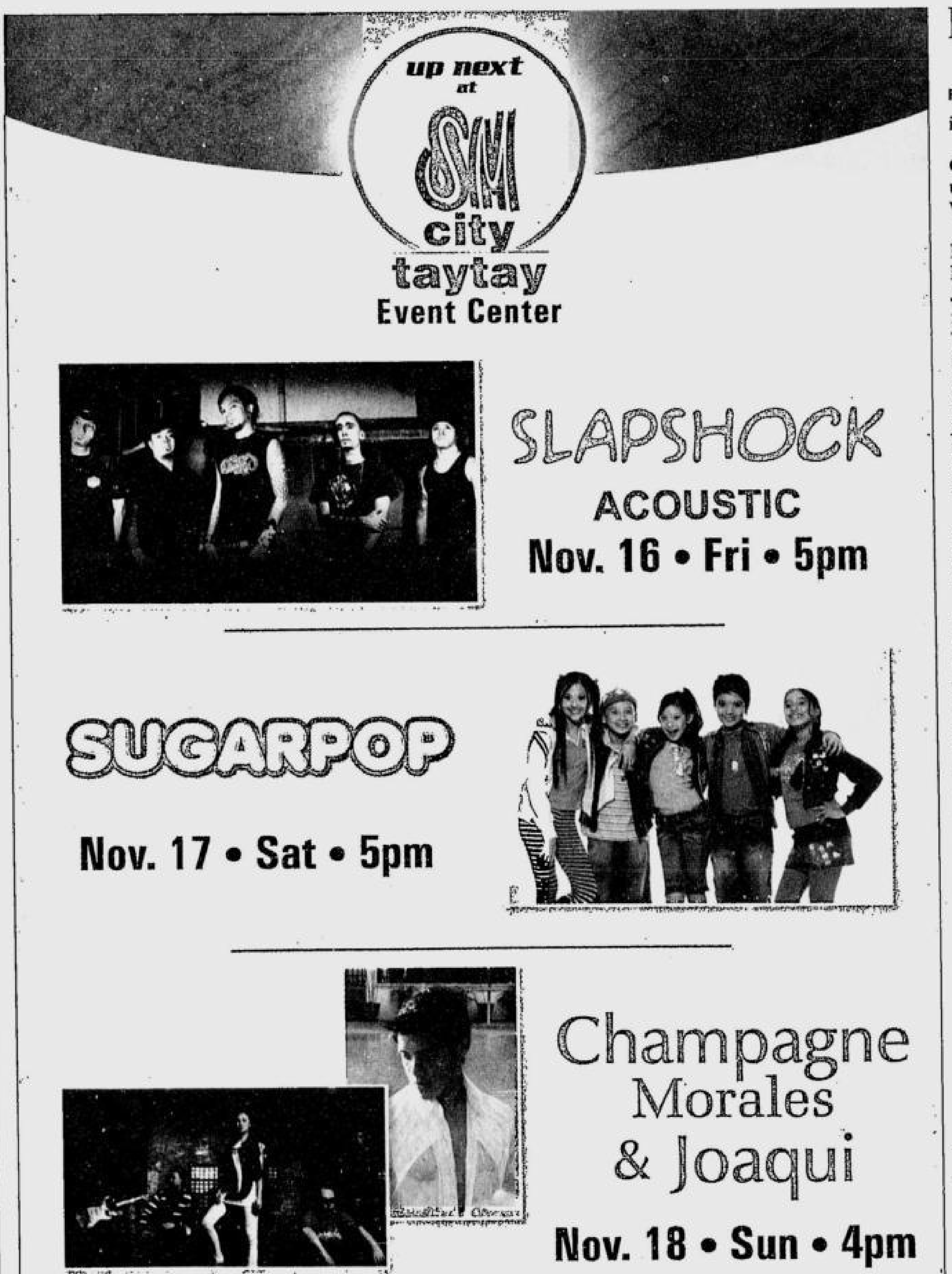
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RITA AVILA

OUR pet dogs Kenzo, 3, Setsuko, 4, and their puppy Itsue helped me cope with depression over the death of my son, Elia Jesu. They are half-poodle and half-Labrador.

Kenzo (light brown in color) was the reason my TV director-husband Erick Reyes became a dog lover. Setsuko (black) was named after the lead character in the Japanese anime "Grave of the Fireflies." Itsue (dark brown) was born on Christmas Day. He was a welcome surprise to me and my husband when we arrived home from church that day.

We enjoy walking with them every night. And because they normally sleep in our bedroom, we wipe their feet with wet tissue before going to bed. We also take them to the grooming center every two months. They are used to eating home-cooked food.

Marinel R. Cruz

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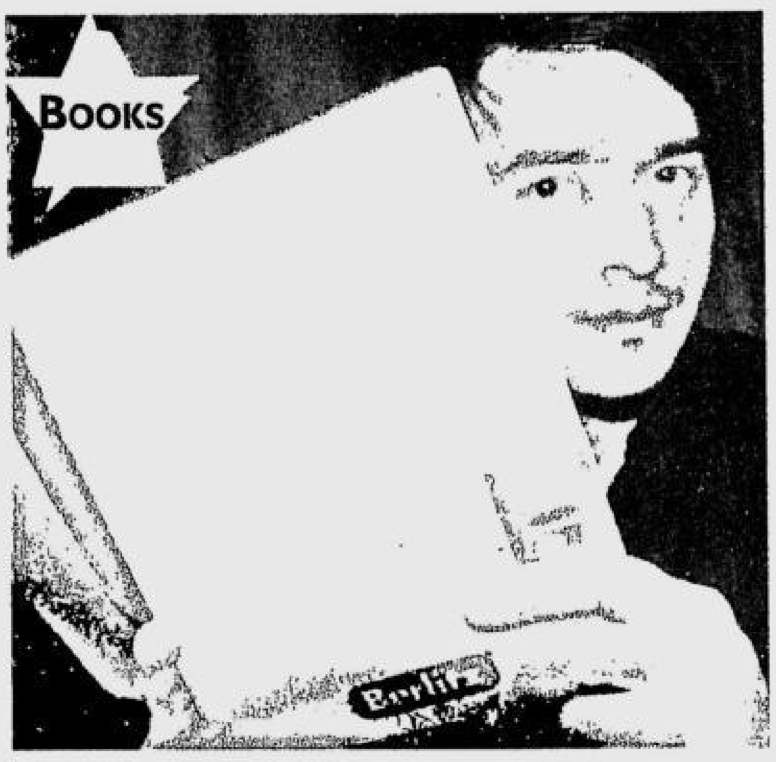
DOMINIC OCHOA



FOR the past few weeks, I've been reading "Español" by the Berlitz language school, as preparation for our trip to Barcelona, Spain, where scenes of "Sakal, Sakali, Saklolo" (starring Judy Ann Santos and Ryan Agoncillo) were shot. I am trying to master basic Spanish. After graduating from college, I took up Spanish. But after a while, I forgot all about it since I didn't practice often enough. My dad, who speaks a little Spanish, wants me to learn different languages. I bring it to the set of "Shall We Dance." I read a chapter a day, for at least three hours. But I have to keep reviewing previous lessons so that I won't get confused — especially when it comes to the verbs.

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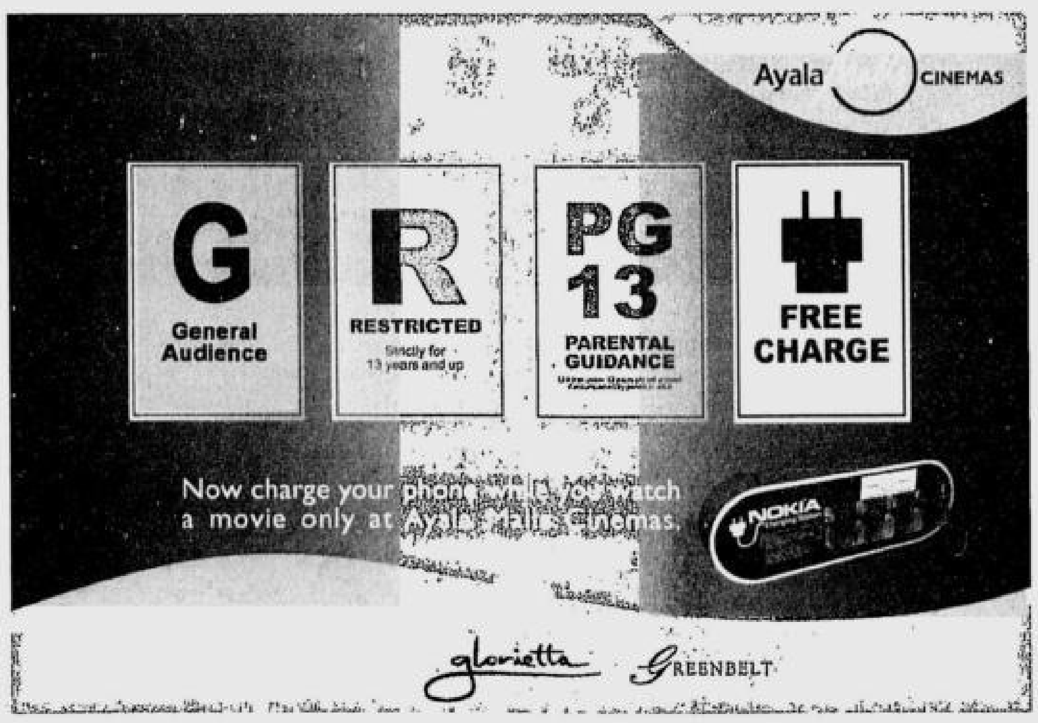

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Actor-activist gets humanitarian award for Tibetan work

PHILADELPHIA—RICHARD GERE, WHO has donated time and money to the causes for Tibetan independence and HIV/AIDS care, accepted a prestigious humanitarian award given by the city of Philadelphia.

On Monday, the actor was given the Marian Anderson Award, named after the black American opera singer who achieved international acclaim by the mid-1930s but faced racial segregation at home.

RICHARD Gere

REUTERS

Gere, 58, accepted the honor and its $100,000 honorarium at a gala at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts.

"I'm not worthy of this award in any way whatsoever," Gere said. "I can't tell you how this makes me feel. My heart is so wide open."

Gere was lauded for taking on the dual role of artist and activist before it became fashionable, lending his fame and finances to global issues.

Gere, a Buddhist, has advocated Tibetan independence from Chinese rule since 1978. He co-founded the Tibet House and is board chair of the International Campaign for Tibet.

He established Healing the Divide, a public charity for improving care for HIV/AIDS patients, and a philanthropic foundation bearing his name helps humanitarian organizations.

Anderson became the first black person to perform at the White House in 1939 and the first black soloist at the Metropolitan Opera in New York in 1955. She received the Medal of Freedom in 1963 and died in 1993 at age 96. *AP*

STARS FOR OTHERS

HIP-HOP artist Wyclef Jean, second from right, and model Petra Nemcova, right, introduce Haiti's poor kids to the computer. AP

Hero of the slums

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti—Hip-hop star Wyclef Jean was given a hero's welcome in one of Haiti's most destitute slums on Monday, riding the shoulders of his cheering countrymen to the site of a small-business project he helped develop.

On his first trip to Haiti since being named a roving ambassador by President Rene Preval in January, the musician met legislators and accompanied Czech model Petra Nemcova to a school in the impoverished neighborhood where he was born.

Jean, who moved to Brooklyn as a young boy, then changed into a pin-striped suit to ask a luncheon crowd of businessmen, the UN envoy and nearly every major foreign ambassador for aid.

"We need all your money, we need all y'all's support, but let's put it to programs ... that teach kids how to move the country forward," Jean told dignitaries at a restaurant in the hills above the capital, Port-au-Prince.

In the port slum of Cite Soleil, Jean, who had success as a member of the Grammy-winning group The Fugees and a solo artist, was carried along by a crowd of 1,000 people who yelled his name and danced past bullet-scarred shacks and the noxious smell of open sewers. At one point, Jean bowed his head in silent prayer. *AP*

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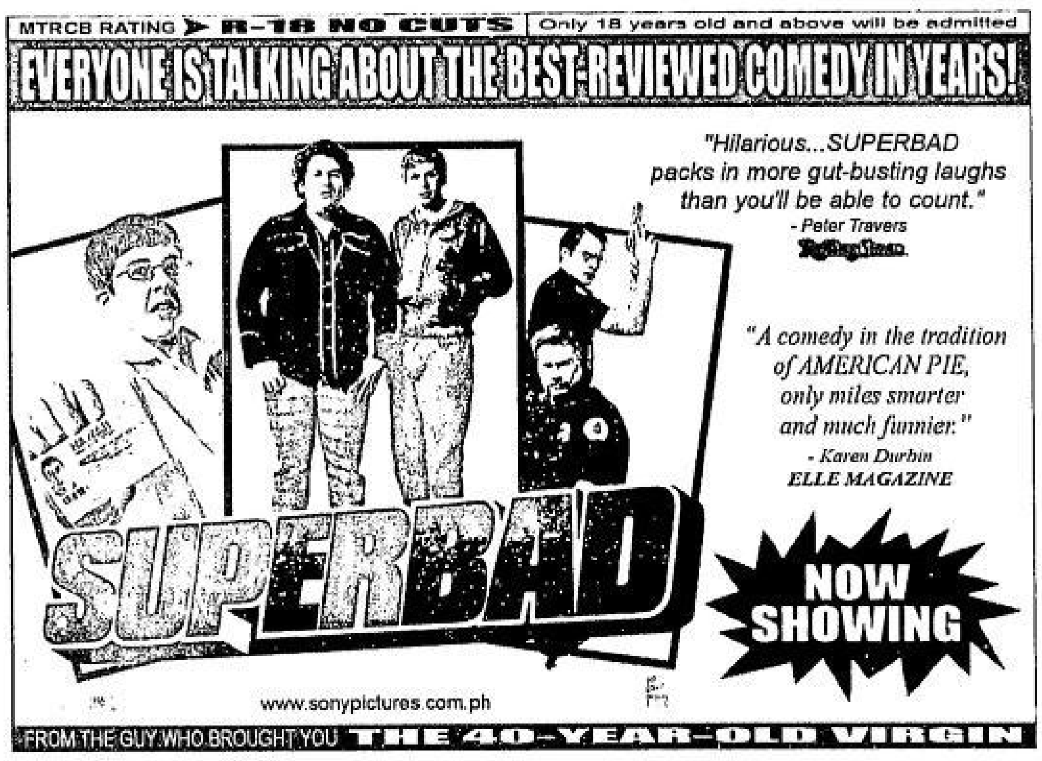
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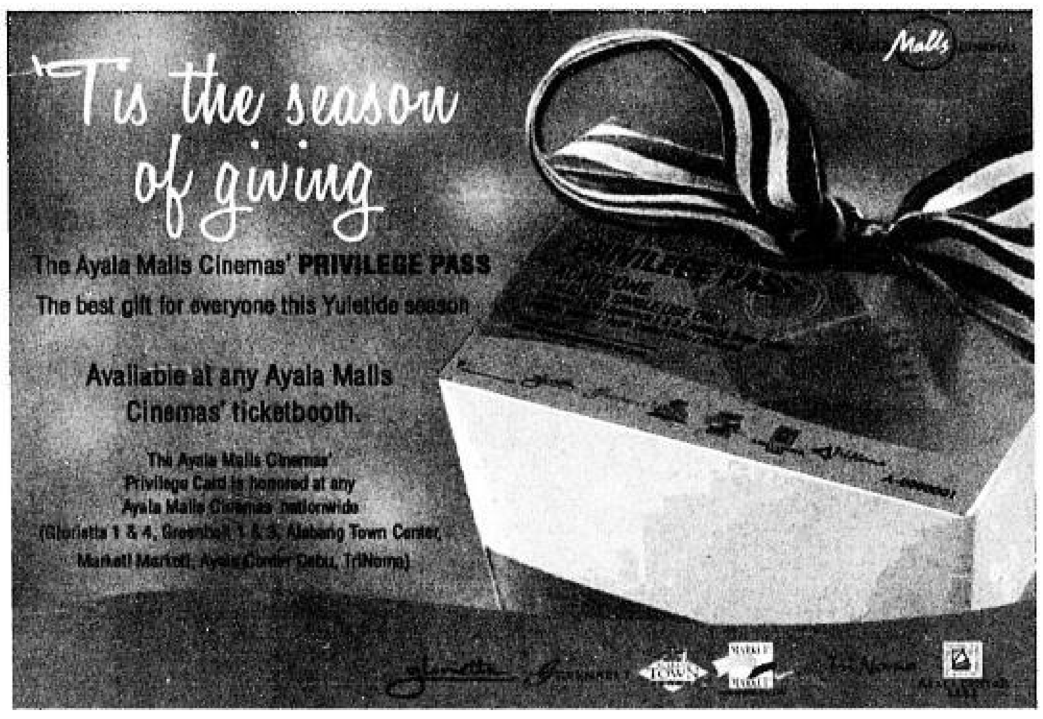

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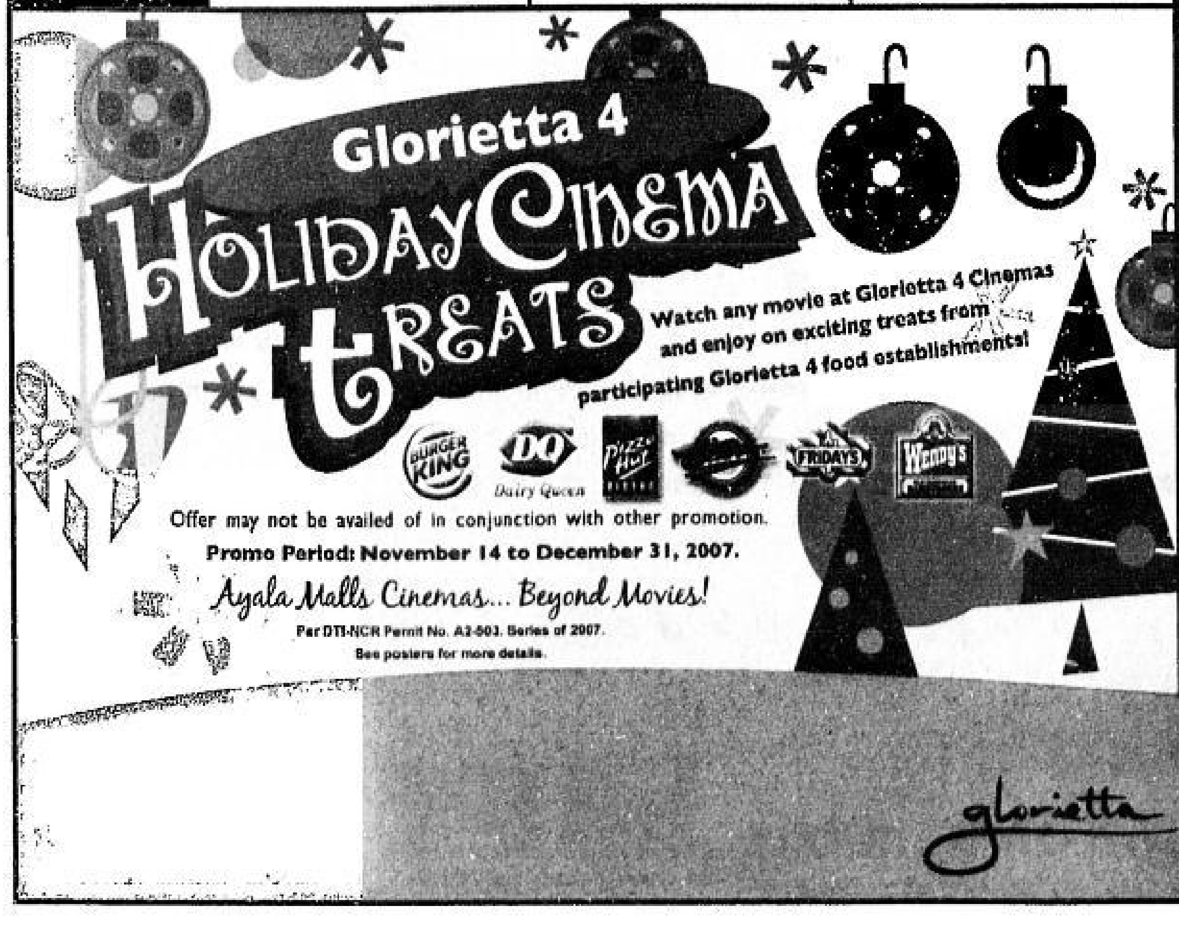

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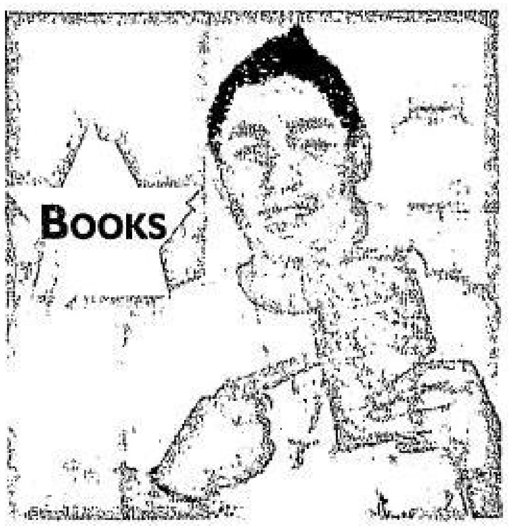
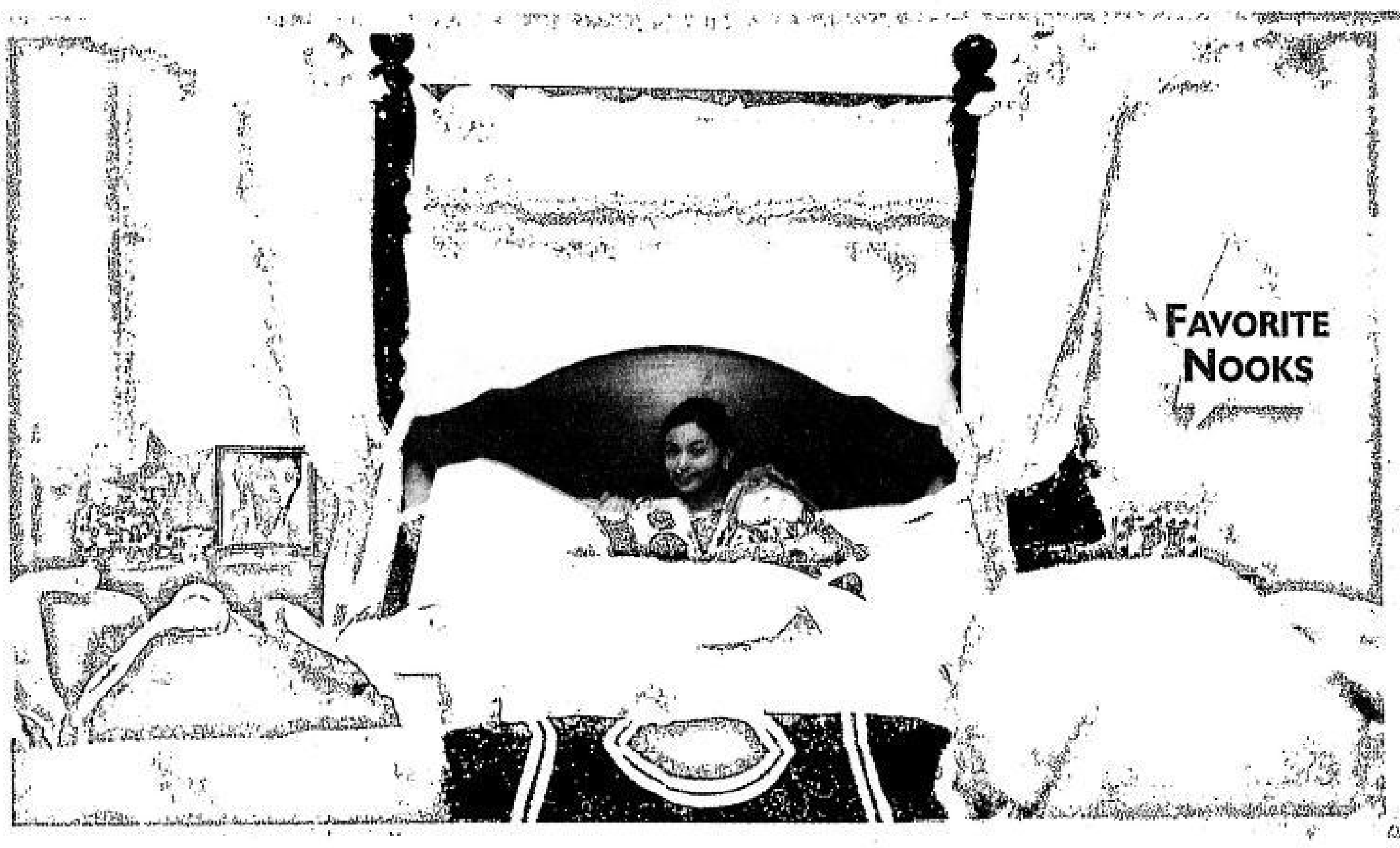


MICKEY PERZ

JILLIANE Hoffman's and Sophie Zietz's first book "Cupido," written in German, is my favorite book. I enjoyed reading it so much that I'm now looking forward to seeing their second book. It's about a lawyer who got raped when she was young and ends up defending a rapist. It's super-detailed. It really got me into reading.

Marinel R. Cruz



KRIS BERNAL

I love my bedroom. I'm not comfortable when I sleep in other rooms. I prefer my room because I can really relax there. Plus, my room is a complete package. Everything is there: my TV, iPod, laptop, books and stuffed toys. Ever since I saw the bedroom of Summer (played by actress Rachel Bilson) on the TV show "The OC," I dreamt of having a four-poster bed, too. It looked like the bed of a princess. Then, I found this beautiful bed in the mall. So I immediately bought it with my cash prize from "Starstruck." It was a dream-come-true for me.

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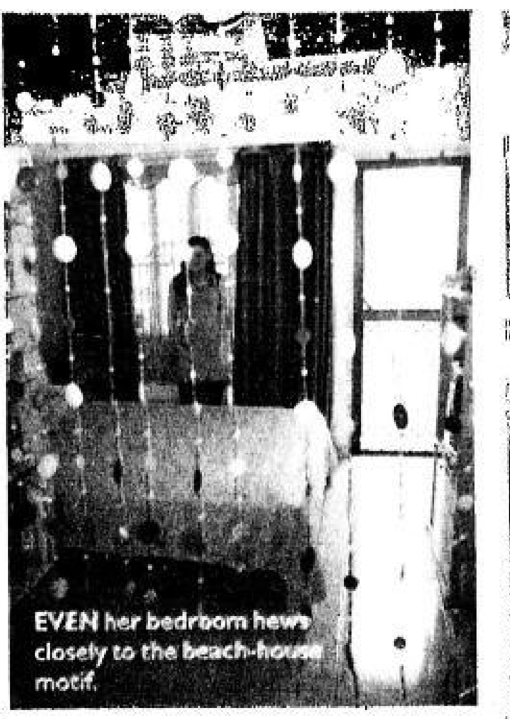
EVEN her bedroom hews closely to the beach-house motif.

All that Y

Yasmien Kurdi has turned her city home into a Palawan getaway

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
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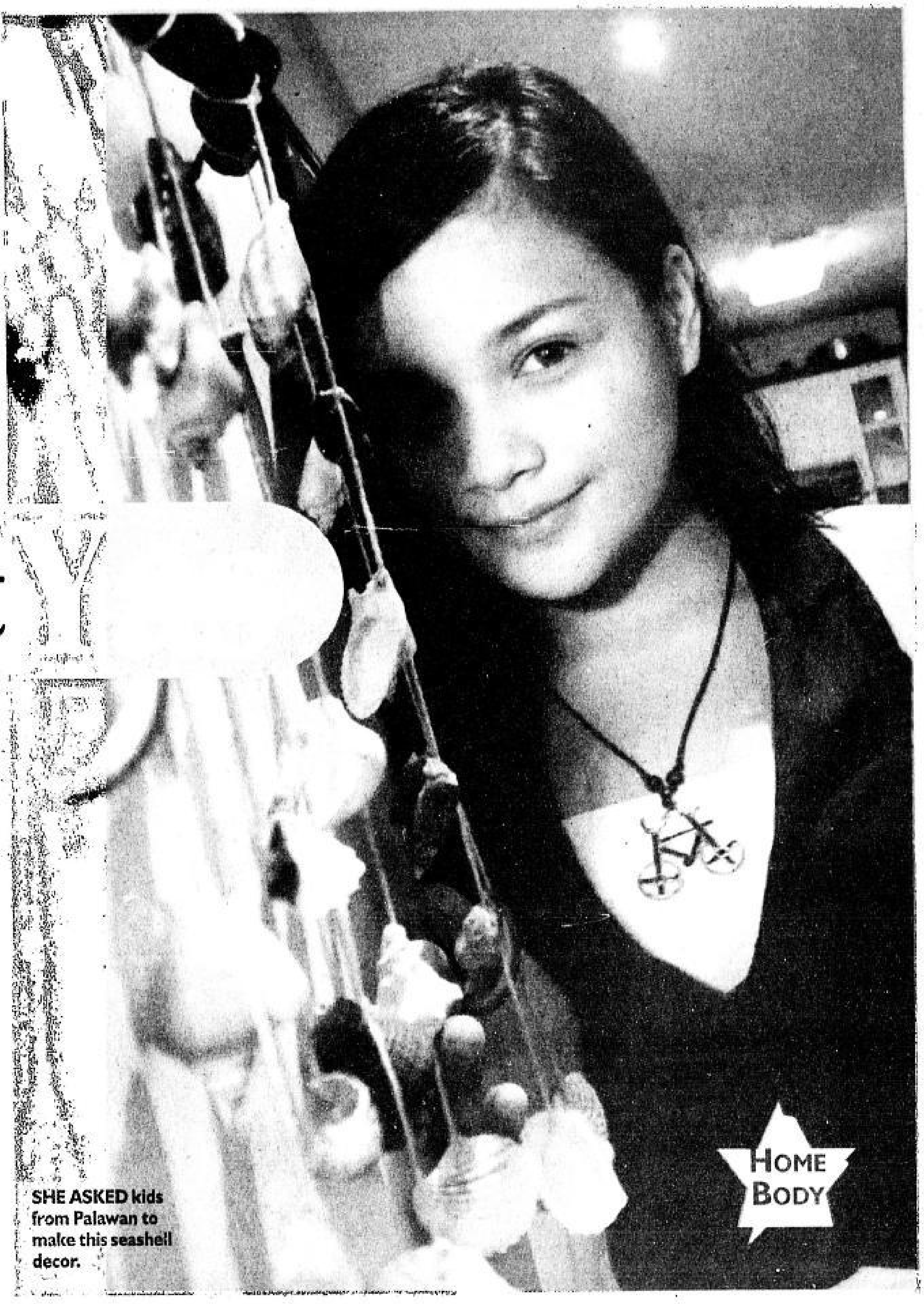


SHE ASKED kids from Palawan to make this seashell decor.

AS THE CARPENTER WAS installing bamboo slats on her bedroom's ceiling, "Starstruck" alumna Yasmien Kurdi was crouching on the floor, directing the man's every move.

She admits that she was "hands-on," bordering on the obsessive-compulsive, in renovating the three-storey pad.

The idea was to turn her Quezon City home into a Palawan rest house. An urban beach house.

"I love vacationing there," she says of the island paradise. "I go to Palawan to swim, dive and surf."

A Lebanese-Filipino, Yas is a bona fide water baby.

"When I was young, our house in Kuwait was near the ocean," she recalls. "I even have a photo where I was swimming with dolphins."

Since work forces her to live in the city, she has chosen to bring the ocean to her home through the décor — filling up the place with mementos from beaches here (Palawan) and abroad (Thailand).

"I asked kids in Palawan to make the seashell curtain divider," she notes.

A framed seashell collection also hangs by the dining area. "It has rare shells. One piece costs P250," she relates.

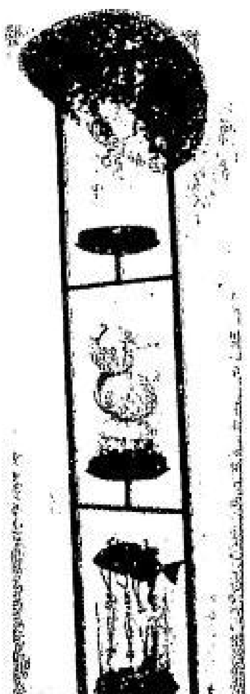
The native curtain dividers (including a playful fish design) hanging in her bedroom was bought in Cebu.

Says Yas' mom Miriam: "Every time she comes home from provincial shows, she buys something new for the house."

She also scattered fave snapshots all over the house: from the cover of her second CD "Yas: Love is All I Need" to souvenir shots from the set of "Pasan Ko ang Daigdig."

For sure, she'll also display a photo from her recent pictorial with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (Peta).

Yas is a staunch vegetarian and animal rights' activist.


BEACH mementos in the hallway

Displayed in the living room is a *sungka* (a Filipino game played with seashells, of course) that she found in Tiendesitas.

"I also got the native sala set from Tiendesitas," she recounts.

A prized find is the very Pinoy bench by the stairs. "It was on sale at the Rockwell Powerplant Mall. It was originally priced at P20,000, but I got it for only P5,000," she says with pride.

Even the pocket garden on the second floor hews closely to the beach theme.

Mom Miriam filled the garden with flowering plants and vines. "I want it to look like a rainforest."

Yas describes the home's design concept as "*halo-halo*."

Very eclectic, the interior is a mix of native pieces and Chinese antiques from her great grandmother.

On the second floor is a black mah jong table with matching armoire where Yas keeps her awards and trophies — from Little Miss Philippines-Kuwait to Myx Best New Artist.

In her bedroom, she also displayed gifts from friends and fans — like a mother-of-pearl inlaid *baul* (wooden chest) from Sultan Kudarat.

"It was a present from a local politician. She loved the fact that I knew how to speak Arabic," Yas says.

A well-traveled friend also gave her a jewelry box shaped like Africa. "It came from South Africa and the key of the box is the country Kenya."

"Originally, our house only had two floors," Miriam recalls. "When we had it renovated, we added an attic as her bedroom."

Make that bedroom-slash-gym.

"I decided to put a treadmill and stationary bike in my room," Yas says.

When she jogs in UP Diliman, autograph- and snapshot-hungry fans follow her around, mom explains.

"In her room, she can do anything she wants, like singing and dancing on her own," Miriam says.

The house is meant as a haven of relaxation.

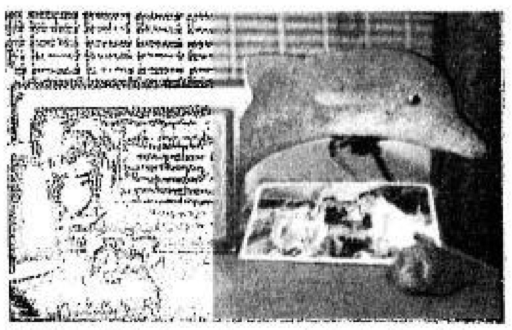
"But when I look out of my bedroom window, I see not the ocean, but the GMA 7 building," Yas jokes.

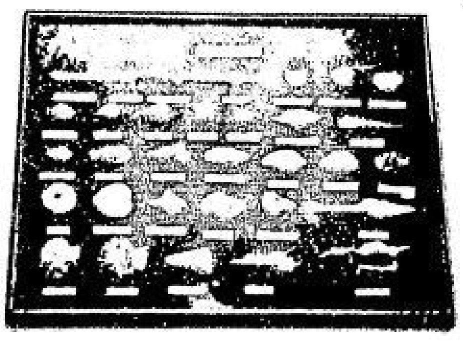
Still, she considers her home a mini-nature retreat.

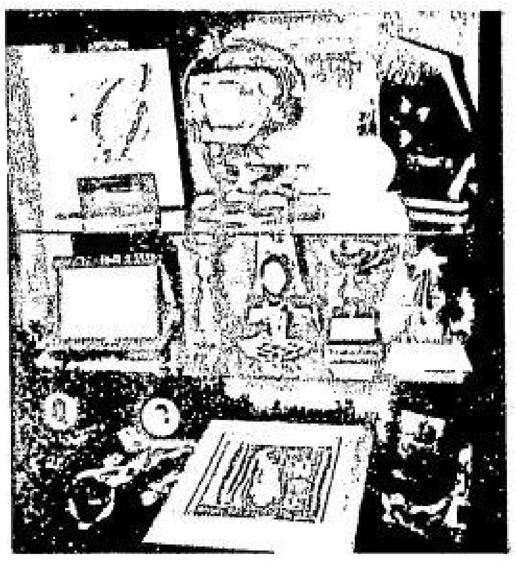
"The living room window used to face a blank wall," Yas recounts. "At first, I wanted to install fake water falls there. My mom suggested that we put in ferns and bromeliads instead."

She loved mom's idea because it completes the soothing beach house ambience.

"When it rains *naman*, I can still have the water falls effect," Yas quips.


DOLPHIN lamp and snapshots displayed on the bedside reading table.


FRAMED collection of shells hangs in the dining area.


INDUSTRY awards and school medals share space in the antique Chinese armoire.

FLORAL stained glass design on her bathroom door is a personal choice.

SALAKOT is from Palawan.

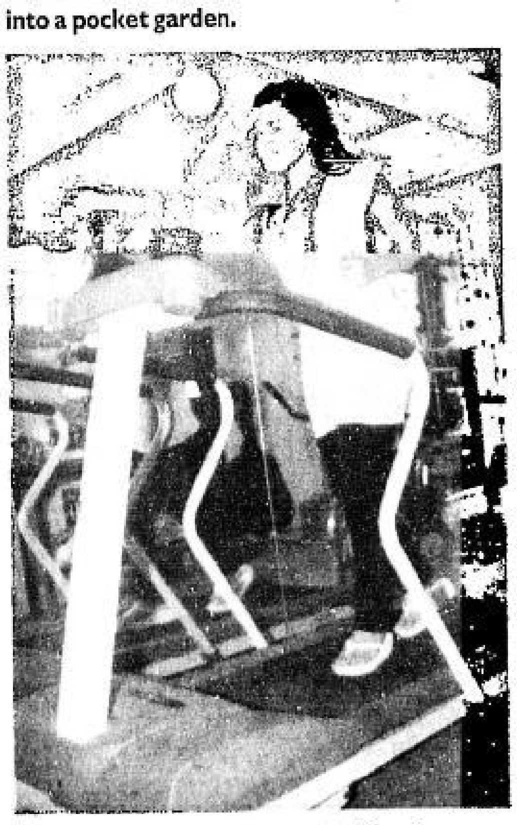
HER MOM turned the second-floor terrace into a pocket garden.

BEDROOM leads to a terrace teeming with potted plants.

MOTHER of pearl inlaid *baul* is a gift from a Sultan Kudarat politician.

FOUNTAIN adds a touch of serenity to the pocket garden.

VIBRANT bedspread and fish ceramic decor add color to the resort theme.


DAILY workouts on the treadmill and stationary bike keep her fit.

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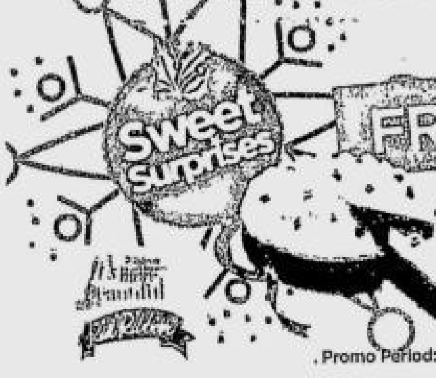

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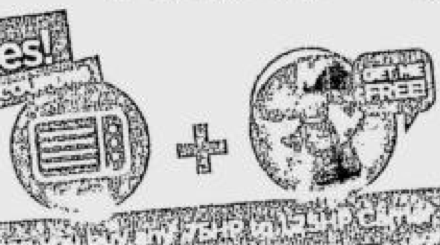

FREE ELECTRIC FAN

[illegible] Room Aircondition

NIKON NDF16-B7 SKU NO. 92763

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VALID ON CASH & CARD TRANSACTIONS FOR CARRIER AND CONDURA.
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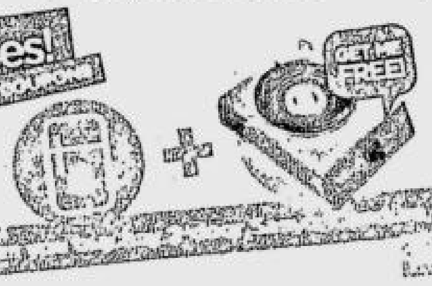

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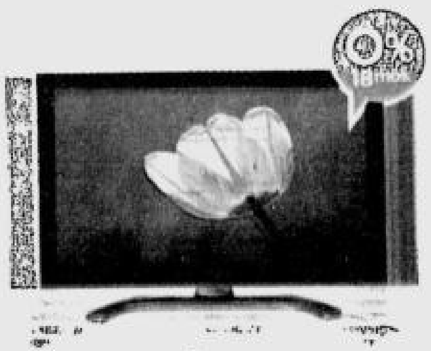

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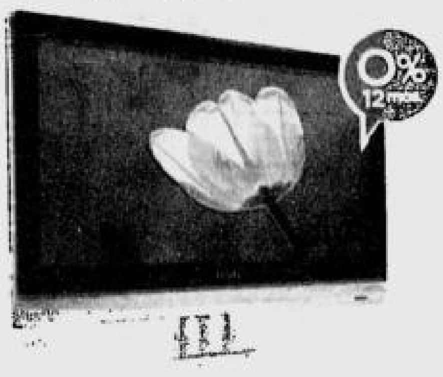

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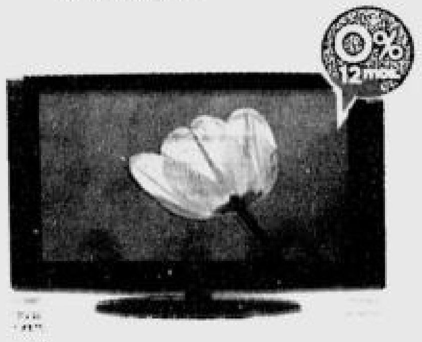

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ADD 5,000 FOR A HT-X20
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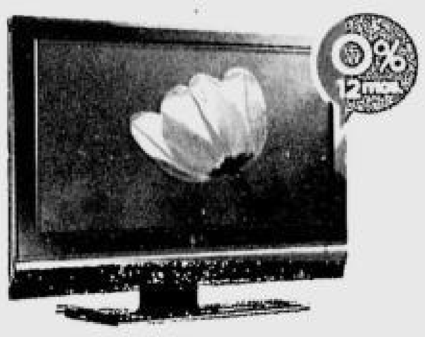

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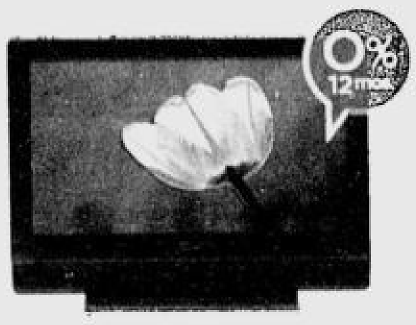

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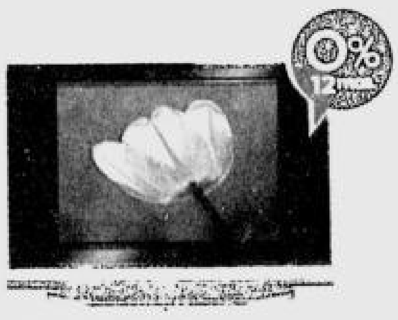

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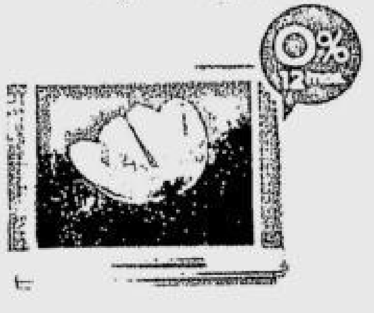

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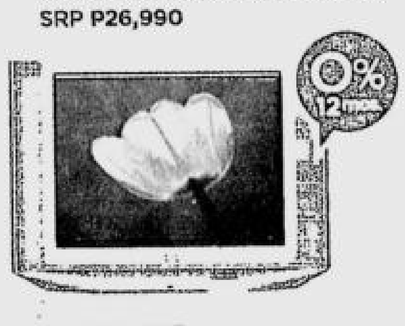

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29" Flat TV, MTS Stereo
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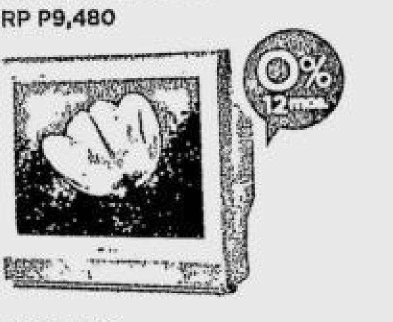

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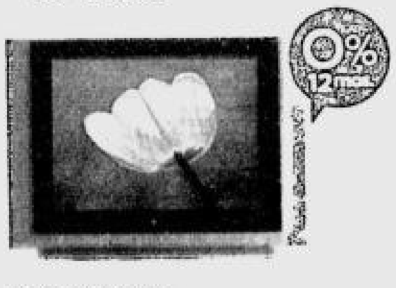

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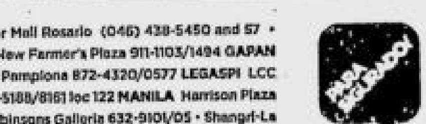

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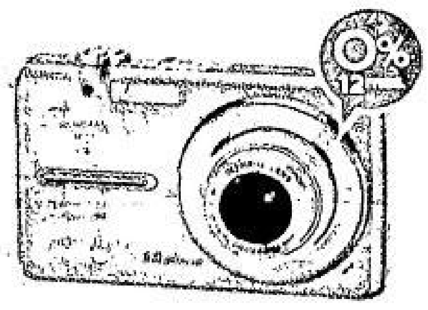

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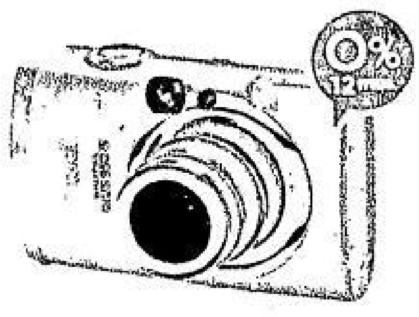

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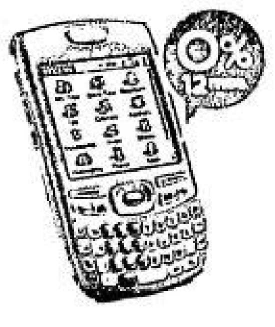

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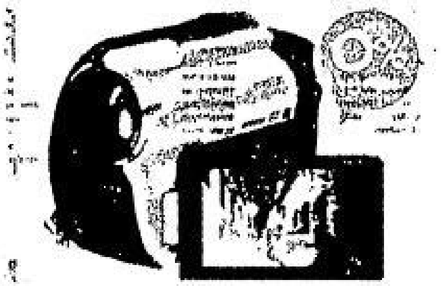

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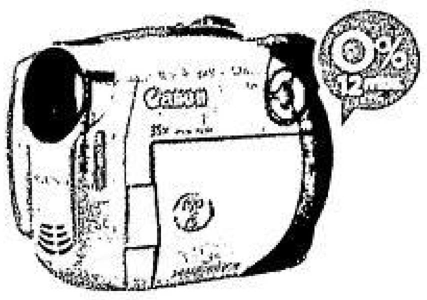

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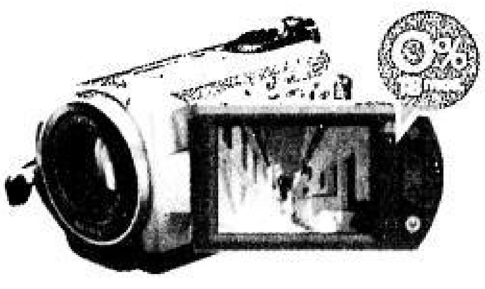

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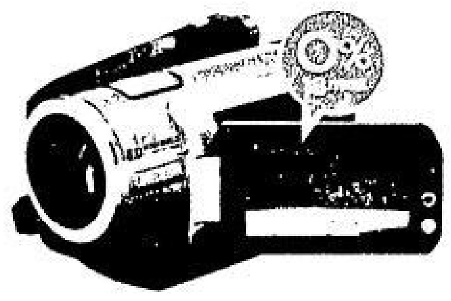

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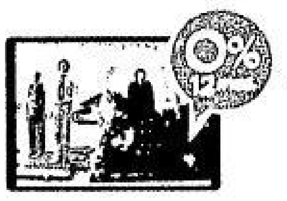

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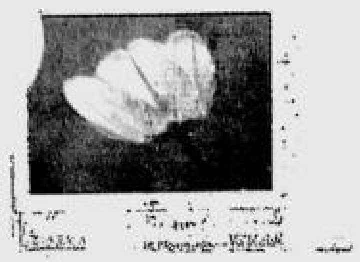

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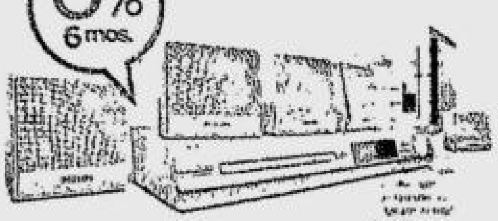

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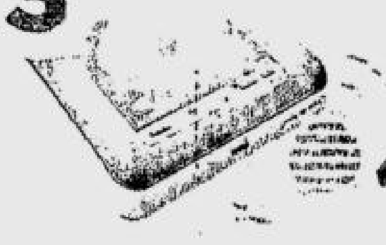

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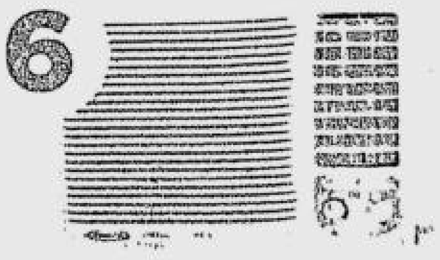

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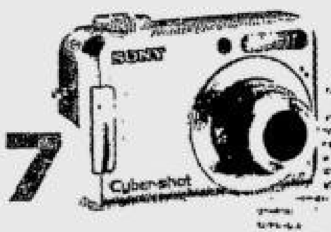

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DSC S650 7.2 Mega Pixels, 3x Zoom

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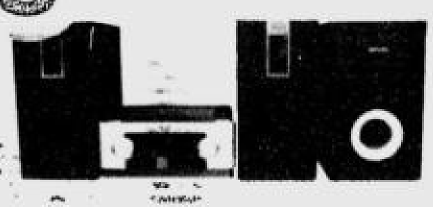

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PHILIPS DVD Micro Component /
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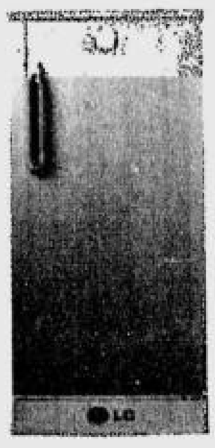

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Refrigerator / 6 cu ft

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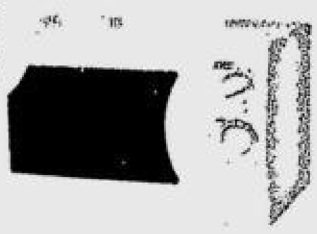

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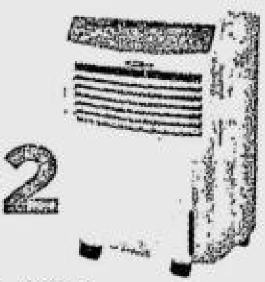

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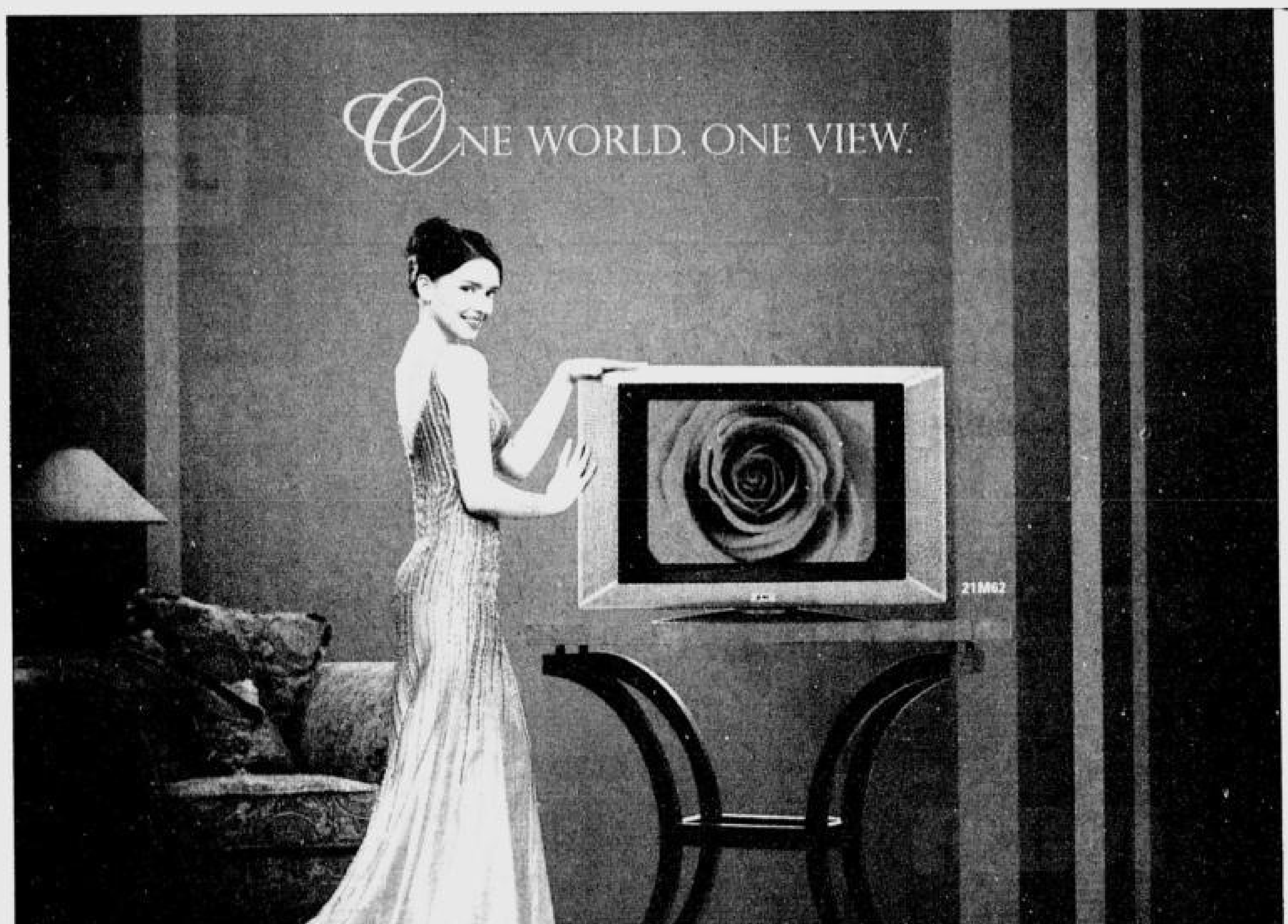

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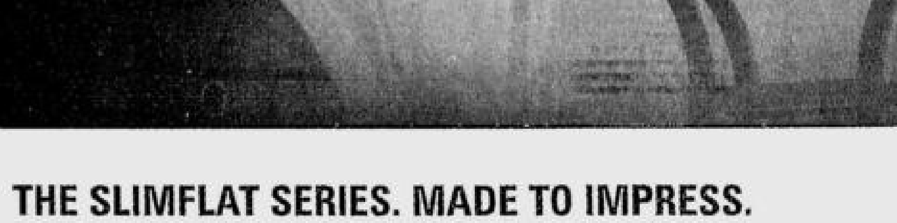

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TCL offers a **4-YEAR WARRANTY ON PICTURE TUBE AND A 2-YEAR WARRANTY ON GENUINE PARTS AND SERVICES** that are honored at over 130 service centers nationwide, at no extra cost! With TCL, you can count on reliable customer service and expect speedy and professional assistance.

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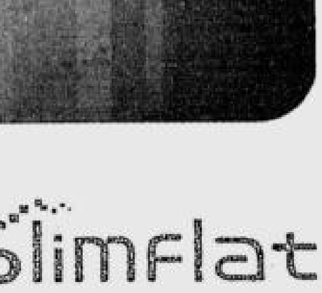

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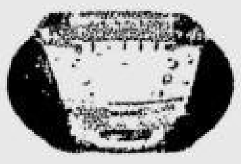

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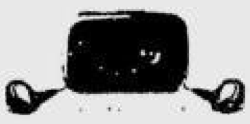

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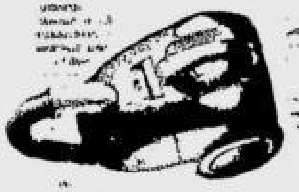

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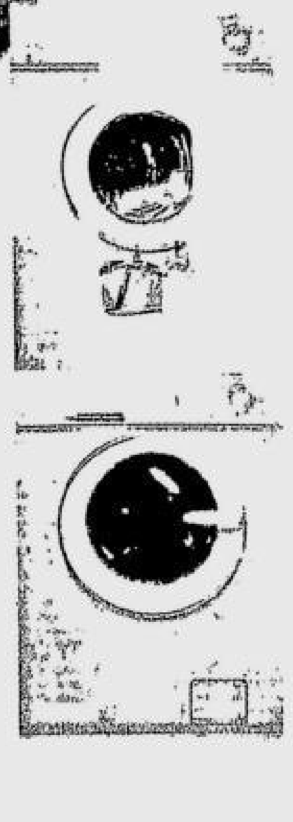

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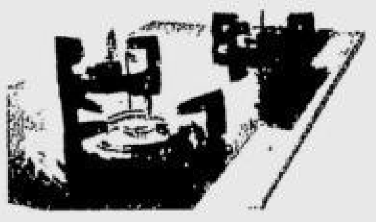

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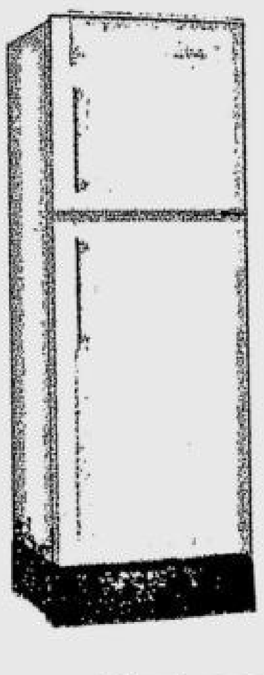

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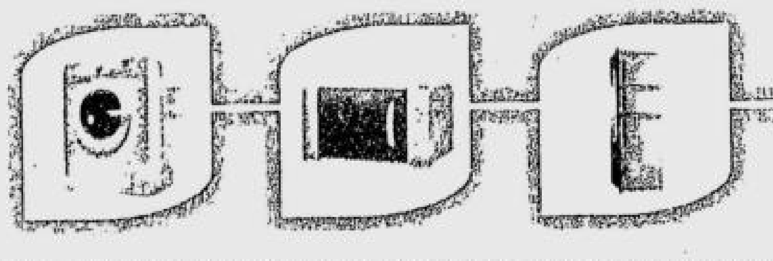

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